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A BAPTIST CHURCH

By a Baptist Church in the document is meant such a Baptist Church as avowedly believes and distinctly teaches among other Bible tenets the following: The essential diety of Jesus Christ, the full inspiration and authority of the Bible as the written Word of God; the absolute necessity of regeneration; salvation by grace through faith in Christ's atoning blood; scriptural baptism and membership in a Baptist church as orderly and essential prerequisities to communion at the Lord's Supper as observed among Baptists.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1.—We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2.—We believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3—We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4.—We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

5.—We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.

6.—We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7.—We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and Feet-Washings are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances and we believe the only mode of baptism is by immersion.

8.—We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; and that the joys of the righteous; and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9.—We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the hand of the Presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM

1.—The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2.—Only one person shall speak at the time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

3.—The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

4.—He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on any person who spoke, by making remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall state fairly the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

5.—No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from the Association for his absence.

6.—No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

7.—No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sittings of same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

8.—No member of the Association shall address another by an appelation except that of brother.

9.—The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violate the Rules of Decorum.

10.—The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the Association shall request.

11.—The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote unless Association be equally divided, then he may give the deciding vote.

12.—Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1.—This Association shall be known by the name of Mountain Union Baptist Association and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union and duly sent to represent the Association, who, on producing letters shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates; in their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letters, by application; dismissed by letter, excluded, and dead since last Association.

Article 2.—The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any eternal right over any church in her Union.

Article 3.—The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular decorum.

Article 4.—The Association shall have a moderator and secretary, who shall be chosen annually by a majority vote of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

Article 5.—New churches or any Baptist church of our faith and order, in good standing, either dismissed by letter from sister associations or by application by sending up letters and delegates shall be admitted into the Union.

Article 6—Every church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

Article 7.—Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

Article 8.—The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of its proceedings. The best method of

accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Associations.

Article 9.—We think it necessary to have an Associational Fund to defray the expenses of the Association. And it's the duty of each church in the Union to contribute sums as they think proper to the Association and these moneys shall be deposited with the treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

Article 10.—There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

Article 11.—The Minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

Article 12.—Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they deem it expedient, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

Article 13.—The Association shall act as advisory council and shall endeavor to preserve a general Union among the churches, and give advice in matters of difficulty.

Article 14.—The Association shall inquire into the cause, if any church fails at any time to be represented in the Association.

Article 15. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

Article 16. The Association may correspond with sister Associations and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing, who may be of our faith and order, to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

Article 17.—The Association shall have the power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

Article 18.—The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain the same as they may choose.

CHURCH COVENANT

We do now, in the presence of Almighty God and in the faith of the Gospel and by the present help of Divine Grace unitedly give ourselves to God Almighty, father, son and Holy Ghost. To be for him and no other, freely submitting ourselves to Him, to be at His disposal, that He may be glorified by us and through us. We agree to take the Bible as our only rule of faith and practice, regarding the Old Testament as containing the Ordinances of the Old Dispensation and New Testament as containing the Ordinances of the New Dispensation. We agree to contend earnestly both by precept and example for

the whole of that faith which Christ has once for all delivered to His saints. That we will strive together for the support of a faithful evangelical ministry among us and through life amid evil report and good report seek to live to the glory of Him, who hast called us out of darkness into the marvelous light, having given ourselves unto Him, we freely and joyfully give ourselves unto one another by the will of God and bearing each other's burdens, participating in each other's joys, that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor negect the great duty of prayer for ourselves and for others.

That we will endeavor to bring up such as may at any time be under our care in the nature and admonition of the Lord. We promise to assist according to our several abilities in the Gospel of Christ and strive to maintain the worship of God in public and private. We engage to watch over each other in love and to hold communion together in all the ordinances of the Gospel. Submitting ourselves to the discipline which Christ requires in His church. Searching His word and praying for His spirit that we may increase in knowledge and in joy a clear manifestation of the Ministry of Godliness and of the Glory of His Kingdom, continually looking and waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever, Amen.

Proceedings

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1948

The Mountain Union Baptist Association of regular churches, met in session with New Hope church, September 3, 1948.

Services were opened by Elder James Barker, by reading 3rd chapter of 1st Cor. and offering prayer.

The introductory sermon was delivered by G. J. Howell. Text: 1st verse of 14th chapter of St. John, and Elder James Barker delivering an interesting talk.

After an intermission the messengers reassembled in the house for the transaction of business.

The Association was opened by Elder Johnny Evans, by singing 550 in primitive select and offering prayer.

The Moderator called for the Association letters. There were 18 received and read by E. W. Stansberry, Clerk and Bro. F. M. Perry.

On motion and approval, the Moderator, James Barker, seated the messengers for the transaction of business.

On motion and approval, they proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk by private ballot.

The Moderator appointed Elders M. T. Brooks, Glenn Killans and Garvey Killans as tellers. The tellers reported James Barker, Moderator and E. W. Stansberry, Clerk.

On motion and approval, the report was received and the tellers discharged.

On motion and approval it was decided to give the Moderator authority to publish an open door for the reception of new churches of our faith and order. None responded.

On motion and approval, corresponding brethren of our faith and order were invited to sit with us. A letter was presented by the Litte River Association.

On motion and approval, they received the letters and seated the following brethren: Elders M. T. Brooks, J. S. Evans, G. R. Killan, R. G. Killan, W. T Wilmer and Bros. Curtis Evans, W. N. Douglas, Lonnie Brooks, Connie Johnston.

After finding a letter had been in the hands of another brother who couldn't come to the Association from Mt. Zion Association, upon motion and approval we seat the following brethren: John Moran.

On motion and approval, the Moderator called for brethren of our faith and order, desiring seats with us. Those that responded were G. W. Jones and Dale Rhodes.

On motion and approval, the Moderator was invested with the authority to make all temporary appointments of the Association.

Whereupon he appointed the following: Ministry, W. M. Lewis, Claude Stuart, Rowie McNeill and delegates of New Hope church; Temperance, Melvin Poe, G. G. Carpenter, E. R. McClure; Resolutions, F. M. Perry, Scott Miller, Bynum Carter; Finance, Willie Barker, Smith Roberts, E. E. Woods; Sab-

bath Schools, Coy Powers, Letcher Wilcox, A. M. Shepherd; Arrangements, Ray Guy, S. L. Hart, Edward Hart, Dewey Rhodes, Rufus Stuart, J. S. Rash and E. W. Stansberry, James Barker and corresponding brethren; Obituaries, E. W. Stansberry, Walter Caudill and Roy Roark.

The Moderator appointed F. M. Perry to write a letter to the Little River Association.

The Moderator appointed W. M. Lewis to write a letter to Mt. Zion Association.

Committee on Ministry reports preaching Friday night at 8 o'clock. Glenn Killan and Dewey Rhodes.

Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock, J. S. Evans and G. G. Carpenter; Saturday night, Fred Myers, Edd McClure, Tice Wilmoth; Sunday morning, W. W. Hart open services and Joseph Woods, M. T. Brooks and James Barker to preach.

On motion and approval, the Association adjourn until 9:30 Saturday morning.

The session was closed by Elder Coy Powers making a nice talk and singing No. 1 in primitive select and offering prayer.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1948

The Association met in a devotional service by singing a number of songs and Elder Conley Wyatt making a nice talk and Elder M. T. Brooks offering prayer and singing "Lay Down the Bible and Go Home," and an old time hand shake and the spirit came down in great power.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator and reading 14th chapter of Romans and singing 256 in primitive select and Elder Glenn Killan offering prayer.

The roll of messengers was read by the Clerk.

The committee on Arrangements reports a bill of items.

On motion and approval, the bill was received and the committee discharged and the items taken up as listed.

The minutes of the session held September 3 were read and approved, granting the Clerk authority to make any needed corrections.

The Rules of Decorum were read.

On motion and approval, corresponding brethren of our faith and order were invited to sit with us. Those that came forward were Joseph Wood, Fred Marrs and Sal Blankenship.

On motion and approval, visiting brethren of our faith and order were invited to sit with us. Those that came forward were Willie Sexton, Norman Carpenter, Earl Sexton, Conley Wyatt, Walter Joines, N. H. Barker, Wiley Blevins.

The corresponding brethren appointed at last Association to visit the Little River Association, reported that they went and that they had been having some trouble and have had to turn their backs on some of the brethren and that they are stronger in faith than before.

The corresponding brethren appointed at last Association to visit the Mt. Zion Association reported that they went and

had a good Association and were in peace and love.

On motion and approval, the report was received and accepted.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The committee on Resolutions reports the following:

1. Be it resolved by the Association that we give to Almighty God our sincere and heartfelt thanks for His mercy and blessings and kind protection through the last year and humbly pray for the continuance of the same throughout the coming year. That we so live and spread the Gospel in such a manner that we may reap greater spiritual blessings. That we prayerfully attend our church meetings, supporting our ministers, our churches and the poor more extensively.

2. Be it resolved that the churches in our union earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints, that we close our church doors to all who teach heretical doctrines, that we lay hands on no man suddenly, that we thoroughly examine the authority of deacons and ministers in ordination and that we exercise more brotherly love toward another for it is evident that the day is at hand when man will not endure sound doctrine but help to themselves teachers having itching ears and are turned away to fables.

After having been discussed by James Barker, S. L. Hart, M. T. Brooks, C. L. Barker and Joseph Wood, on motion, and approval, we received the report and discharged the committee.

SCOTT MILLER,
F. M. PERRY,
B. M. CARTER, Committee.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

Committee on Sabbath School reports the following: We your committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following to all the churches in our union who run Sunday school:

1. We advise that all churches in our union to organize and maintain Sabbath schools and we further advise our preachers and deacons to try to influence our churches to have Sabbath schools as we see it falling away in our churches.

2. We advise our churches not to go out of their body for their officers and teachers and to use the Bible as their text book. We believe it is our duty to teach the young generation the word of the Lord that they may know the duties of man and the love of God for many false teachers have already come. After being discussed by Elders James Barker and Brother N. H. Barker, on motion and approval we received the report and discharged the committee.

COY POWERS,
A. M. SHEPHERD, Committee.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

Committee on Temperance reports the following:

We advise all the churches in our union to be temperate in all things, especially in strong drinks, which are detrimental to the cause of Christ and his Kingdom, also to the health to those who participate in drinking strong beverages.

We should be temperate in our everyday walks of life and speech, therefore brethren add to temperance, patience, Godliness and in so doing these things we shall neither be barren nor unfruitful.

MELVIN POE, Committee.
G. G. CARPENTER,
E. R. McCLURE,

After being discussed by S. L. Hart, James Barker, C. L. Barker, M. T. Brooks and N. H. Barker, on motion and approval, the report was received and the committee discharged.

COMMITTEE ON OBLIGATIONS

Committee on Obligations reports the following: 21 individual obituaries were received to be presented in the minutes.

E. W. STANSBERRY,
WALTER CAUDILL,
RAY ROARK, Committee.

On motion and approval, the report was received and instructed the Clerk to have all the obituaries printed in the minutes and discharge the committee.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1947-48

Finance Committee	$119.20
Balance in Treasure	105.40
TOTAL	$224.60
Disbursements:	
Paid Skyland Post for 1000 Minutes	$ 78.90
Donated Moderator	5.00
Donated Clerk	10.00
Postage and Wrapping Paper	2.65
TOTAL	$ 96.55
Balance in Treasure	$128.05

E. W. STANSBERRY,
Secretary and Treasurer.

On motion and approval, the report was received by the Association.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Committee on Finance reports the following:

Baptist View	$ 18.00
Beech Creek	3.50
Covenant	3.50
Flat Grove	5.00
Fox Creek	10.00

Laurel Hill	3.00
Liberty	4.00
Mt. Zion	5.30
Mt. Pleasant Chapel	10.00
New Bethel	5.00
New Hope	4.00
Oak Grove	7.00
Pine Grove	9.45
Rich Valley	4.70
Silas Creek	9.60
St. Clairs Creek	8.20
Three Top	5.00
White Oak	13.50
TOTAL	$128.75

WILLIE BARKER,
SMITH ROBERTS,
E. E. ROBERTS, Committee.

On motion and approval, the report was received and the committee discharged and F. W. Stansberry appointed secretary and treasurer and authorized to have as many minutes printed as the churches reported they needed and was donated $10.00 for his services.

On motion and approval, the Moderator was donated $5.00 also for his services and they took up a collection for the Clerk and Moderator to which they donated freely.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO WRITE CORRESPONDING LETTERS:

The report was read by E. W. Stansberry, Clerk, and on motion and approval, it was received and the committee discharged and the following brethren appointed to the Little River Association: Elders Coy Powers, Edward Hart, S. L. Hart, Smith Roberts, V. C. Patrick, Earl Richardson, C. L. Barker, James Barker, Rufus Stuart; Licentiates: E. E. Woods, Norman Carpenter, Emsley Absher; Brothers: Esquare Clark, Ambrose Miller, Bynum Carter, Eli Blevins and E. W. Stansberry.

The letter was read by E. W. Stansberry, Clerk and on motion and approval it was received and the committee discharged and the following brethren appointed to the Mt. Zion Association: Elders: V. C. Patrick, James Barker, Rufus Stuart, Coy Parsons, Conley Wyatt, Edward Hart.

After Baptist Union failed to report and after being discussed by S. L. Hart, Emisly Absher, James Barker, M. T. Brooks, Joseph Wodds, Edward Hart, Coy Parsons.

On motion and approval that we withdraw fellowship from Baptist Union until they set themselves in order with the Association.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ASSOCIATION

On motion and approval, the next session of the Association will convene with Baptist View church on Friday and Saturday before the first Lord's Day in September, 1949.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

On motion, the Association extended it's heartfelt thanks to the church at New Hope and the community at large for their kind and loving care during the Association.

THE INTRODUCTORY SERMON

The introductory sermon will be delivered by Eders James Barker and alternate Elder Conley Wyatt.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the session held on September 4, were read and approved, granting the Clerk authority to make any needed corrections.

JAMES BARKER, Moderator,
E. W. STANSBERRY, Clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 5, 1948

A large congregation gathered in the House and there was a large number who couldn't get in the house as they had to preach inside due to rain.

The service was opened by Elder W. W. Hart, by reading 23 chapter of Psalms and talking some and offering prayer.

The first sermon was delivered by Elder Joseph Woods. Text: 14th verse of 7th chapter of Amos. Second sermon by Elder M. T. Brooks. Text: 23rd verse of 1st chapter of St. John. Last sermon by Elder James Barker. Text: 27th verse of 14th chapter of St. John. After he finished his sermon we sang songs and gave each other the parting hand and the spirit came down in great power.

ROLL OF MESSENGERS

Baptist View: Walter Caudill, Dewey Rhodes, George Eller.
Beech Creek: Ray Guy, Shearmin Hicks, Coy Stines.
Covenant: F. M. Perry, L. C. Greer, G. G. Carpenter.
Flat Grove: T. D. Furches
Fox Creek: James Barker, Willie Barker, C. L. Barker.
Laurel Hill: Ed Eastridge, E. E. Woods.
Liberty: G. J. Howell, Rufus Stuart, Maxie Blevins.
Mt. Zion: J. W. Elliott, A. M. Shepherd, W. S. Elliott.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel: E. R. McClure, Claude Stewart, Emisly Absher.
New Bethel: Worth Hart, Howard Tedder, L. L. Wilcox.
New Hope: Fred Weaver, Voil Perry, Eli Blevins.
Oak Grove: Rowie McNeill.
Pine Grove: Fred Miller, W. S. Miller.
Rich Valley: Lundy Elliott.
Silas Creek: Earl Richardson, Coy Powers, Smith Roberts.
St. Clairs Creek: Melvin Poe, S. L. Hart, B. M. Carter.
Three Top: W. M. Lewis, Ray Roark, J. S. Rash.
White Oak: E. W. Stansberry, Willard Hart, Edward Hart.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

Barker, James ____ Troutdale, Va.
Barker, C. L. ____ Troutdale, Va.
Campbell, G. W. ____ Hemlock, N. C.
Carpenter, G. G. ____ Grayson, N. C.
Darnell, Thomas ____ Silas Creek, N. C.
Dixon, J. E. ____ White Top, Va.
Graham, John ____ Husk, N. C.
Hart, S. L. ____ Chilhowie, Va.
Hart, W. W. ____ White Top, Va.
Hart, Edward ____ Lansing, N. C.
Howell, G. J. ____ Sturgills, N. C.
Hicks, Howard ____ Beech Creek, N. C.
Jones, H. H. ____ Forest Hill, Md.
McClure, E. R. ____ Helton, N. C.
Mink, Batty ____ Meadow View, Va.
Miller, Lillard ____ Chatham, Pa.
Perkins, D. J. ____ Treetop, N. C.
Powers, Coy ____ Grassy Creek, N. C.
Powers, Luther ____ Lansing, N. C.
Patrick, V. C. ____ Anawalt, W. Va.
Rhodes, Dewey ____ Aberdeen, Md.
Richardson, Earl ____ Brandon, N. C.
Sapp, W. O. ____ Elk Creek, Va.
Sexton, Earl ____ Grassy Creek, N. C.
Sexton, J. B. ____ Lansing, N. C.
Stines, Charlie ____ Beech Creek, N. C.
Stuart, Rufus ____ Grassy Creek, N. Y.
Testerman, Avery ____ Treetop, N. C.
Woods, E. E. ____ Fig, N. C.
Wyatt, Conley ____ Grayson, N. C.
Weaver, Willie ____ White Top, Va.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF LICENSED MINISTERS

Absher, Emsley ____ Nathan's Creek, N. C.
Brown, James ____ Smethport, N. C.
Bartlebough, James ____ Forest Hill, Md.
Barrett, Bennie ____ Roanoke, Va.
Eller, N. W. ____ Conowingo, Md.
Hawks, Calvin ____ Lansing, N. C.
Carpenter, Norman ____ Lansing, N. C.
Pruitt, Archie ____ Darlington, Md.
Powers, Basil ____ Brandon, Va.
Sawyers, W. R. ____ Saltville, Va.
Yates, B. C. ____ Warrensville, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHHOL STATISTICS FOR 1947

Baptist View: No. Officers, 2; No. Teachers, 4 No. Pupils, enrolled 104; Av. Attendance, 65.

Covenant: No. Officers, 2; No. Teachers, 3; No. Pupils enrolled, 35; Average Attendance. 65.

Three Top: No. Officers, 3; No. Teachers, 3; No. Pupils enrolled, 40; Average Attendance, 30.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Baptist View: Lillard Miller, J. S. Evans, Dewey Rhodes.
Beech Creek: Howard Hicks, Charlie Stines.
Covenant: E. E. Woods, Conley Wyatt, G. G. Carpenter.
Flat Grove: G. J. Howell, Luther Powers, Earl Richardson.
Fox Creek: James Barker, Coy Powers, C. L. Barker.
Laurel Hill: E. E. Woods, G. W. Campbell, Conley Wyatt, G. G. Carpenter.
Liberty: Earl Richardson, Earl Sexton, Rufus Stuart.
Mt. Zion: W. W. Hart, Conley Wyatt.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel: E. R. McClure, Coy Powers.
New Bethel: W. W. Hart, Earl Richardson, Earl Sexton.
New Hope: W. W. Hart, Edward Hart, Willie Weaver.
Oak Grove: E. R. McClure, C. L. Barker.
Pine Grove: E R. McClure, Coy Powers.
Rich Valley: Coy Powers, Earl Richardson.
St. Clairs Creek: Conley Wyatt.
Silas Creek: G. J. Howell, E. R. McClyure, Earl Sexton.
Three Top: Coy Powers, G. J. Howell.
White Oak: W. W. Hart, Edward Hart, Conley Wyatt

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

Baptist View: George Eller, Conowingo, Md.
Beech Creek: Clyde Stines, Helton, N. C.
Covenant: L. C. Greer, Grayson, N. C.
Flat Grove: Alice Perkins, Treetop, N. C.
Fox Creek: Greek Walton, Troutdale, Va.
Laurel Hill: Hughes Campbell, Hemlock, N. C.
Liberty: Zerma Blevins, Silas Creek, N. C.
Mt. Zion: A. M. Shepherd, Ball, N. C.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel: Alene Turner, Crumpler, N. C
New Bethel: Howard Tedder, White Top, Va.
New Hope: Eli Blevins, White Top, Va.
Oak Grove: Thomas Elliott, Smethport, N. C.
Pine Grove: J. T. Reedy, Clifton, N. C.
Rich Valley, Glenn Elliott, Fig, N. C.
St. Clairs Creek: Melvin Poe, Chilhowie, Va.
Silas Creek: W. H. Sexton, Lansing, N. C.
Three Top: W. M. Lewis, Creston, N. C.
White Oak: Lettie Hart, Lansing, N. C.

TIME OF COMMUNION FOR EACH CHURCH

Baptist View: First Sunday in August.
Beech Creek: Third Sunday in August.
Covenant: Second Sunday in July.
Flat Grove: Second Sunday in July.
Fox Creek: Second Sunday in July.
Laurel Hill: Third Sunday in August.
Liberty: Third Sunday in August.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel: Second Sunday in August.
Mt. Zion: Second Sunday in August.
New Bethel: First Sunday in July.

New Hope: Fourth Sunday in August.
Oak Grove: First Sunday in August.
Pine Grove: Third Sunday in July.
Rich Valley: Fourth Sunday in August.
St. Clairs Creek: Fourth Sunday in June.
Silas Creek: On Sunday after the Fourth Saturday in July.
Three Top: Third Sunday in August.
White Oak: Third Sunday in July.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Sunday	Ord. Ministers	Lic. Ministers	Rec. by Experience	Rec. by Letter	Rec. by Application	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No Males	No Females	To.
Baptist View	1	2	3	3	1		1	1	1		60	73	133
Beech Creek	3	2		1					4	2	13	23	31
Covenant	2	3	1	2		1	1				14	20	34
Flat Grove	2	1								1	14	19	33
Fox Creek	2	2		1	1			1	1		43	67	110
Laurel Hill	1	2		5						2	15	33	48
Liberty	3	3		4	1	3	1		1		21	47	69
Mt. Zion	2			1			2	1			19	40	59
Mt. Pleasant Chapel	2	1	1	6	1						24	42	66
New Bethel	1	1		5		2					9	28	37
New Hope	4	2			1					1	13	21	34
Oak Grove	1		1	6			1				29	51	80
Pine Grove	3			2	1	3		1	5		37	79	116
Rich Valley	4	1	1								10	24.	34
Silas Creek	4	5	2	3	2	1	2		2		39	86	125
St. Clairs Creek	4	2	2						1		38	84	122
Three Top	1	1		6	1				1		48	101	149
White Oak	3	3					4	5	1		17	71	88
Total		31	11	45	8	9	8	10	12	17	463	905	1368

Obituaries

BLEVINS

Marcellia Brown Blevins, daughter of W. R., and Emaline Brown, was born June 30, 1877 and departed this life Feb. 13, 1945. Age 67 years, 8 months and 9 days. She was married to W. C. Blevins, August 15, 1901. Unto this union was born 10 children, one having died in infancy. She leaves her husband, 9 children, one sister and 8 brothers besides a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her loss. She professed faith in Christ in early life and joined the Mt. Pleasant Chapel church where she remained a devoted Christian until death.

BARKER

Rosa Barker, the daughter of Harrison and Amanda Barker, was born in 1868. She departed this life January 29, 1948, making her stay on earth 80 years. She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined the church at Pine Grove and lived a faithful Christian life until death. She pointed toward Heaven and it seemed to be sweet to her. She said, "I am only going from a world of trouble to a place of peace and rest with sweet Jesus."

She leaves two sisters and one brother and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

BYRD

Ruth Parker Byrd, of Cleveland, Ohio, was born January 14, 1926, departed this life May 6, 1948. She was united in marriage to Orville Byrd, of N. C. To this union was born one daughter. Her stay on earth was 22 years, 4 months and 3 days. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband and one daughter, Audrea Sue, her father, mother, 7 brothers and 4 sisters, and a host of relatives and friends.

Thy lie so still and cold beneath the earthly sod,
She left a bright testimony that she was ready to go.
You left us sad and alone to join the throne of God.
We miss you more as days go by, remembering the times that have past.
But God knew best and took you to his home on high.
Wishing you could have stayed on earth,
Your soul is at rest.
You are united with angel, we know.
We'll all prepare to join you up there,
As onward through life we go.

BROWN

Samuel Brown was born August 10th, 1861, at Trade, Tennessee, and died Oct. 24, 1947. Age 86 years, 2 months and 14 days. He professed hope in Christ at an early age, was faithful to his church until death and was a member of Beech Creek church. He was married to Almedia Phillips, in 1882 and unto this union 6 children were born: Calvin, deceased, Mrs. Charlie

Stines, Mrs. Barney Oaks, Mrs. Willard Guy and George Brown; 1 daughter, deceased, 43 grandchildren, 64 great grandchildren. His wife preceded him in death 45 years ago.

He was married the 2nd time to Callie Harris, in 1903. Born to this union was one child, Mrs. Jake Harmon. He was a licensed minister and he contended for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. He was loved by all of God's children. Weep not friends and relatives, but prepare to meet the dear one where we never will part.

Mrs Howard Hicks.

BROWN

Dora Shoemaker Brown, the daughter of Solomon and Mary Ella Shoemaker, was born April 23, 1881, departed this life May 20, 1948, making her stay on earth 67 years, 28 days. She was laid to rest May 21 at St. James cemetery, Chilhowie, Va.

She was married to Walter E. Brown and to this union was born 1 daughter. Besides her husband and daughter, she leaves 1 sister, 3 brothers and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined the Primitive Baptist church. Later in June, 1930, she joined St. Clairs Creek Baptist church, where she remained a faithful member until death.

She always loved to watch for us,
Anxious if we were late.
In winter by the window,
In summer by the gate.
Her thoughts were all so full of us,
And so I think that where she is she must be watching yet,
Waiting till we come home to her.
Anxious if we are late.
Watching from Heaven's window,
Leaning from Heaven's gate.

BARNETTE

Clarence Barnette, Jr., was born December 21, 1947, deceased this February 8, 1948, making his stay on earth 1 month, 18 days. He was the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie C. Barnette. Clarence leaves father and mother and many relatives to mourn his going. Weep not fathers, mothers and friends, but press on and meet little Clarence in that upper and better world, for we know he is there at rest.

The little babe has gone to rest.
To reign with God forever blest.
It's little tongue will always praise
A Saviour's love, redeeming grace.

COLDIRON

Fred Coldiron, age 42 years, 10 months and 25 days, was born Sept. 21, 1905. He departed this life August 13, 1948. He was united in marriage to Bertha Bauguess, January 19, 1924. Unto this union was born 5 children, Beulah Lewis, Worth,

John, Mary and Howard ,of the home. Surviving besides his children is his wife, his father, mother, one brother and, two sisters and 2 grand children to mourn their loss. We feel that our loss is his eternal gain by the testimony he made and wanting his children to do better and be ready for their eternal home.

EASTRIDGE

Cora Roberts married William Eastridge in early life. Unto this union was born 11 children, 3 preceded her in death and 8 living. Cora was born January 7, 1868, died April 30, 1948, age 80 years, 2 months and 23 days. She professed a hope in Christ at the age of 13, united with the Methodist church and later moved her membership to Laurel Hill church about 35 years ago. She lived a faithful member until death. She was a kind and loving mother and was loved by all who knew her. We believe our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by G. W. Campbell.

ELLER

George Eller, son of Robert and Mary Anna Eller, was born July 27, 1910, departed this life Sept. 24, 1947, making his stay on earth 37 years, 1 month and 14 days. He professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of Pine Grove church December 17, 1939 and lived a faithful member until death called him away. He was married to Virginia Jones and to this union were born two children. He leaves his wife and children and father, mother, 4 brothers and 4 sisters and a host of friends to mourn their loss. We believe our loss is his eternal gain.

ELLIOTT

Ruby Elliott, daughter of Wiley and Dora Elliott, was born August 18, 1924 and departed this life April 16, 1948, making her stay on earth 23 years 6 months and 28 days. Having one brother, Edgar and three sisters preceding her in death. She leaves to mourn her going, father, mother, two brothers, Elmer and Delmer, three sisters, Charmil, Pauline and Jean, also a host of friends and relatives. Ruby professed a hope in Christ in early life and united with Pine Grove Baptist church and remained faithful until God saw fit to call her home.

Her last days were filled with pain and anguish, but she bore it all with patience. Holding on the faith once delivered unto the saints. Ruby was loved by all who knew her. She was kind and cheerful, giving to all she met a cheery smile.

Thou art gone our precious darling,
Never more can'st thou return.
Thou shalt sleep a peaceful slumber,
Until the resurrection morn.

ELLIOTT

Charity Jane Elliott was born January 18, 1875 and died October 11, 1947, making her age 72 years, 8 months and 23

days. She was the mother of four children, Maude, Martha, Fred and Hazel. Two of these, Martha and Hazel, preceded her in death. She is survived by two children, Maude Goss and Fred Elliott of Lansing and two brothers, Wiley, and Roby and two sisters, Mrs. Rose Eldreth, of Ball, N. C., and Mrs. Mary Eldreth, of Apple Grove, N. C. 12 grandchildren and 5 great grand children. Late in life Jane professed a hope in Christ, was baptized and joined Mt. Zion Baptist church where she remained a member until her death. Jane took her bed the 1st day of Jan., and she bore her sickness with patience of one who looked to a higher power for her strength. She loved Jesus with all her heart, and took great delight in telling others to love and serve Him. Those who came to visit her went away feeling lifted up because she never failed to talk to them about Heaven and the great love and mercy of God. Her only regret was that she didn't serve the Lord in her young days. She asked that all young people be told to live for Jesus. During her last days of illness she talked of shining angels and beautiful flowers. We believe that she had a glimpse of Heaven before she went there to live. She even shouted the praises of God on her death bed and told everyone around her she was ready to go home. Her children have lost a mother, her grand children a grand mother and the community a good friend and neighbor. But their loss is Heaven's gain. We should not mourn for Jane for we know that she is now at rest with Him above where there is nothing but joy and peace and love.

Stella Miller.

FARMER

Ivan Farmer, son of Baxter and Tressie Farmer, was born April 24, 1948, departed this life June 7, 1948, making his stay on earth 1 month and 14 days. He leaves to mourn his loss, father, mother and the following brothers and sisters, Chessie, Hubert, Herbert, Maxine, Walbert, Jones and twin brother, Allen. Weep not father, mother and relatives, but let us say, sleep on little Ivan until the resurrection, when Christ will say suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven. Let us all be prepared to meet Ivan in Heaven.

Thou art gone our precious darling,
Never more can't thou return.
Thou shalt sleep a peaceful slumber,
Until the resurrection morning.

FARMER

Ettie Farmer was born in 1887 and departed this life June 4, 1948, making her stay on earth 61 years. She was a loving mother and kind to all she knew. She leaves 12 children living and 1 preceded her in death. Those living are Edith Eller, of Bina, N. C., Connie Earp, of W. Va., Elmer Farmer, of Fig. Virgil Hodson, of Maryland, Fay Duttrel, Shulls Mills, N. C., Gay Townsend, Valley Crusis, N. C., Blaine, Glenn, Roosevelt, Ray, all of Hemlock, N. C., Retha Ramp, of Pa., also Bessie Farmer,

of Pa. She also leaves 8 brothers and 2 sisters living to mourn their loss and a host of friends and relatives. Two brothers preceded her in death. She professed faith in Jesus in early life and joined Laurel Hill church, living a faithful Christian until death. Gone, dear mother, forever, how we miss your smiling face. But you left us, remember none on earth can take your place in our hearts. Memory will linger always tender, fond and true. There is not a day dear mother that we will not think of you.

GREER

Clarence Dean was born March 16, making his stay on earth 36 hours. On the 17th of March our heavenly father came and took from us the sweetest jewel on earth. This was the son of Freeman and Nellie Greer. He left father, mother and a host of relatives to mourn his loss. This little one was not permitted to stay on earth long, for the gentle shepherd had a better home prepared for it than earth could afford. The Lord has made possible for father and mother to reunite with it in the glory land one day. This little babe was budded on earth to bloom in Heaven. Written by Lillie Bell Greer.

HAM

Gertie Lou Ham, daughter of J. K., and Janie Ham, was born March 30, 1891 and departed this life October 24, 1948, making her stay on earth 57 years, 6 months and 24 days. She professed a hope in Christ at the age of 21 and joined Sabbath Home church and later moved her membership to White Oak church to which she lived a faithful Christian until death. She leaves 2 brothers, Willie and Moses Ham and one sister, Hattie Mahafey and her mother Jane Ham. Gertie stayed with her father and mother and cared for them until God called father home and cared for her mother as long as she was able to go. She will be missed by her mother and relatives and friends. But we feel our loss is her eternal gain.

MILLER

Enoch Elsworth Miller, a son of G. W., and Rosa Miller, was born June 13, 1878, departed this life February 12, 1948, making his stay here 69 years, 7 months and 29 days. He professed a hope in Christ and joined Pine Grove church and was a member of the same when God called him away. He was faithful to his church and lived a devoted Christian life. He was married to Dorothy Eller, and unto this union was born 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls. Robert and Elsworth and Rosa, and Ethel Miller, all of the home. He also leaves one sister, Pearl Johnston and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss. He was a good neighbor and was loved by all who knew him. So weep not, companion nor children and friends, for we believe our loss is his eternal gain.

MILLER

Wilda M. Miller, son of James and Elizabeth Miller, was born September 9, 1876, making his stay on earth 72 years, 8 months and 14 days. He was married to Elizabeth Roop, July 8

1889. To this union were born 9 children, James A., Reggie, Lee, Lester and Mrs. Mattie Eldreth, Mrs. Edna Miller, Mrs. Blanche Hart, Mrs. Ada Miller, all of Lansing; one son, Thomas, preceded him in death. He leaves wife and children and 20 grandchildren, 5 brothers, 1 sister and a host of friends to mourn his loss. Wilda had been in ill health for several months. Everytning was done that loving hands of wife and children and doctors and friends could do to aid his comfort. The short time he had to live, tender hands could do no more, but our loving Saviour called and he had to answer the small still voice, "Come home." The comforting words he spoke while suffering that he had fixed it up with Jesus long ago. We believe that his soul took its flight back to God who gave it, and surely resting in heaven from all his suffering and troubles here on earth. Weep not wife and children, father has gone home to live with God, where sickness, pain nor death cannot enter. Let us strive to meet him over in the glory land where parting comes no more.

Some day we hope to meet him.
Some day, we know not when.
To clasp his hands in a better land,
To never part again. Written by Wife and Children.

ROARK

Martha Emaline Parsons Roark, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Parsons, was born July 18, 1873, age 74 years and 10 months. She departed this life May the 19th, 1948. She was married to Melvin Roark, May 31, 1891. Unto this union were born 11 children, of which 5 preceded her in death. Six of them are still living, Paton Roark, of Ohio; Kelly, of Ohio; Lee, of Tenn.; Mrs. Effie Roark Nain, of Sherwood, N. C.; Mrs. Norma Roark, and Robert, of Milam, N. C.; two brothers and one sister living, James Parsons, of Fig; Steven Parsons, of Ohio and Ann Rector of Ohio. Sister Roark professed a hope in Christ in early life and united with Three Top Baptist church, where she lived a faithful Christian until it pleased the heavenly Master to call her home. She was a kind and loving mother and was loved by all who knew her. She leaves 26 grand children and 7 great grand children and a host of friends to mourn their loss. Weep not children but prepare to meet mother in the glory land. A loved one from us has gone, a voice we loved is stilled. A place is vacant in our home, which never can be filled.

Written by Mrs. Donie Oliver.

RICHARDSON

John T. Richardson was born May 7, 1892, deceased this life March 5, 1948, making his stay on earth 55 years, 10 months and two days. He was married to Lockie Lou Miller, December 24, 1911. To this union was born 9 children, 5 girls and 4 boys, of whom 7 are living and 2 preceded him in death. He leaves his wife and 7 children and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss. He was patient during his sickness. He was tenderly cared for by his wife and children and many friends.

He was a loving husband and a good father and neghbor and was loved by all who knew him. Dear father and husband is gone, but we hope our loss is his eternal gain.

SHARPE

Mazy Turner Sharpe was born May 26, 1852. She departed this life October 2, 1946, at the age of 94 years, 4 months and 6 days. She was married to J. W. B. Sharpe, December 13, 1872 The living children of this union are W. M. Sharpe, Rosa Porter, Andy Sharpe, A. G. Sharpe, Lyda Graybeal, Lillie Buttrey and Lula Hamby. T. J. Sharpe died August 29, 1922. Her husband died March 23, 1923. There are 27 grand children, 49 great grand children and 2 great-great grand children.

In early life she made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as her personal saviour. She united with Pine Grove Baptist church of which she was a member at the time of her death. She had lived to a ripe old age, knowing the toils and sorrows of life as they were mingled with whatever joys came her way For a good while she had been afflicted and unable to get around so much, yet she endured the afflictions in great patience. The Lord taught that in our patience we possess our souls and declared that He is the resurrection and the life and he that liveth and believeth in Him shall never die.

SAWYER

Ulysses Sawyer was born April 2, 1873. Jesus called him to rest August 11th, 1948, making his stay on earth 75 years, 4 months and 9 days. He professed a hope in Christ many years ago and joined Pine Grove church where he lived a faithful Christian life until Jesus called him home. He leaves a wife and 5 children and 1 step-daughter, 15 grand children, 3 brothers and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing. His children are Mrs. Lon Andrews, Mrs. Walter Vanover, Mrs. Worth Goss, Mrs. Lyda Testerman, Frank Sawyer and Mrs. Jack Hoosier, all of this county. His brothers are Winfield, Wellborn and F. M. He was a good husband, a loving father and a good friend to every one he knew All who knew him loved him. He was afflicted for a long time, but he bore his suffering with patience. After he became unable to go to church, he often talked of going to meeting. He talke of things in the Bible. He tried to make all who came to see him, wlcome and all to come again. We want to live so w can tak him by the hand over in the glory land when this life is over and we meet on heaven's shore. Weep not companion, children and relatives and friends, but live faithful to God as brother Sawyer did and meet him in heaven above. A loved one from us is gone, a voice we loved is still, a place is vacant in our home that never can be filled.

Written by Rev. Coy Powers.

WORLEY

Bobbie Worley was born December 27, 1945 and departed this life November 30, 1947, living here on earth 1 year, 11 months and 3 days. He leaves father and mother and two sisters and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss. But our loss is his eternal gain.

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OF THE

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OF THE

Mountain Union Baptist Association

COMPOSED OF MESSENGERS FROM THE REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES IN OUR UNION

Convened With

BAPTIST VIEW REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 2, 3, 4th, 1949

ELDER JAMES BARKER, Moderator
TROUTDALE, VA.

E. W. STANSBERRY, Clerk
LANSING, N. C.

The Next Session Of The Association Will Convene With Fox Creek Church, One Mile From Troutdale Va., On Friday And Saturday, Before The First Lord's Day In September,, 1950.

Introductory Sermon by
ELDER CONLEY WYATT, Grayson, N. C.
Alternate
ELDER G. G. CARPENTER, Grayson, N. C.

A BAPTIST CHURCH

By a Baptist Church in the document is meant such a Baptist Church as avowedly believes and distinctly teaches among other Bible tenets the following: The essential diety of Jesus Christ, the full inspiration and authority of the Bible as the written Word of God, the absolute necessity of regeneration; salvation by grace through faith in Christ's atoning blood; scriptural baptism and membership in a Baptist church as orderly and essential prerequisities to communion at the Lord's Supper as observed among Baptist.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. — We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2.—We believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3.—We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4.—We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

5.—We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.

6.—We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7.—We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and Feet-Washings are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances and we believe the only mode of baptism is by immersion.

8.—We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; and that the joys of the righteous; and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9.—We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the hand of the Presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM

1.—The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2.—Only one person shall speak at the time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

3.—The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

4.—He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on any person who spoke, by making remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall state fairly the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

5.—No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from the Association for his absence.

6.—No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

7.—No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sittings of same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

8.—No member of the Association shall address another by ap appelation except that of brother.

9.—The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violate the Rules of Decorum.

10.—The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the Association shall request.

11.—The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote unless Association be equally divided, the he may give the deciding vote.

12.—Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1.—This Association shall be known by the name of Mountain Union Baptist Association and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union and duly sent to represent the Association, who, on producing letters shal be entited to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates; in their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letters, by application; dismissed by letter, excluded, and dead since last Association.

Article 2. — The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any ecclesitstical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any eternal right over any church in her Union.

Article 3. — The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular decorum.

Article 4. — The Association shall have a Moderator and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually by a majority vote of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

Article 5. — New churches or any Baptist church of our faith and order, in good standing, either dismissed by letter from sister associations or by application by sending up letters and delegates shall be admitted into the Union.

Article 6.—Every church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

Article 7.—Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Article 8. — The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of its proceedings. The best method of

accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Associations.

Article 9. — We think it necessary to have an Associational Fund to defray the expenses of the Association. And it's the duty of each church in the Union to contribute sums as they think proper to the Association and these moneys shall be deposited with the treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

Article 10.—There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

Article 11.—The Minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderators and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

Article 12.—Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they deem it expedient, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

Article 13.—The Association shall act as advisory councel and shall endeavor to preserve a general Union among the churches, and give advice in matters of difficulty.

Article 14.—The Association shall inquire into the cause, if any church fails at any time to be represented in the Association.

Article 15.—The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

Article 16. The Association may correspond with sister Associations and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing, who may be of our faith and order, to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

Article 17.—The Association shall have the power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

Article 18.—The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain the same as they may choose.

CHURCH COVENANT

We do now, in the presence of Almighty God and in the faith of the Gospel and by the present help of Divine Grace unitedly give ourselves to God Almighty, father, son and Holy Ghost. To be for him and no other, freely submitting ourselves to Him, to be at His disposal, that He may be glorified by us and through us. We agree to take the Bible as our only rule of faith and practice, regarding the Old Testament as containing the Ordinances of the Old Dispensation and New Testament as containing the Ordinances of the New Dispesation. We agree to contend earnestly both by precept and example for

the whole of that faith which Christ has once for all delivered to His saints. That we will strive together for the support of a faithful evangelical ministry among us and through life amid evil report and good report seek to live to the Glory of Him, who hast called us out of darkness into the marevlous light, having given ourselves unto Him, we freely and joyfully give ourselves unto one another by the will of God and bearing each other's burdens, participating in each other's joys, that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect the great duty of prayer for ourselves and for others.

That we will endeavor to bring up such as may at any time be under our care in the nature and admonition of the Lord. We engage to watch over each other in love and to hold communion together in all the ordinances of the Gospel. Submitting ourselves to the discipline which Christ requires in His church. Searching His word and praying for His spirit that we may increase in knowledge and in joy a clear manifestation of the Ministry of Godliness and of the Glory of His Kingdom, continually looking and waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever, Amen.

Proceedings

FRIDAY, SEPT. 2, 1949

The Mountain Union Baptist Association of Regular churches met in session with Baptist View church, September 2, 1949.

Services were opened by Elder Conley Wyatt, by reading 13 verses of the chapter of St. John and singing 188 in Primitive Select and offering prayer.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder James Barker. Text: 1st and 2nd verses of Isaiah.

After an intermission, the messengers reassembled in the house for the transaction of business.

The Association was opened by Coy Powers by reading 14 verses of the 14th chapter of St. John and offering prayer.

The Moderator called for the Association letters. There were 18 received and read by E. W. Stansberry, Clerk and Bro. F. M. Perry.

On motion and approval the Moderator, James Parker seated the messengers for the transaction of business.

On motion and approval they proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk by private ballot.

The Moderator appointed Elders J. S. Evans, Joseph Wood, Quincy Higgins as tellers.

The tellers reported James Barker as Moderator and E. W. Stansberry, Clerk.

On motion and approval the report was received and the tellers discharged.

On motion and approval it was decided to give the Moderator authority to publish an open door for the reception of new churches of our faith and order. None responded.

On motion and approval corresponding brethren of our faith and order were invited to sit with us of the Little River Association that are yet standing on the princnpals of the Mt. Union Association and those that were seated are Elders J. S. Evans, Quincy Higgins, G. C. Hendrix and Bro. John M. Tucker.

After finding a letter had been in the hands of another brother who had left Mt. Zion Association and wouldn't give up the letter to Bro. Joseph Woods from the Association. Upon motion and approval we seat the following brethren: Elder Joseph Woods.

On motion and approval the Moderator called for brethren of our faith and order desiring seats with us. Those that responded were: Elders Norman Carpenter, Conley Wyatt, Dewey Rhodes and brothers James Burtlebough, Walter Caudill, Freemon Wyatt, Junior McMillan, Archie Pruitt.

On motion and approval the Moderator was invested with the authority to make all temporary appointments of the Association, whereupon he appointed the following:

Ministry: Melvin Poe, W. S. Elliott, Rowie McNeill and the delegates of Baptist View church.

Temperance: Astor Lewis, Fred Miller, E. E. Woods.

Resolutions: Claude Stuart, Square Clark, C. L. Barker.

Finance: Smith Roberts, A. M. Shepherd, Avery Testerman.

Sabbath Schools: E. R. McClure, Coy Powers, L. C. Greer.

Arrangements: Austin Powers, Willard Hart, Joe Barr, Thomas Darnell, George Eller, James Barker, E. W. Stansberry and corresponding brethren.

Obituaries: E. W. Stansberry, Quincy Turner, Eli Blevins.

The Moderator appointed F. M. Perry to write a letter to the Little River Association. The Moderator appointed W. M. Lewis to write a letter to Mt. Zion Association

Committee on Ministry reports preaching at 8:00 o'clock Friday night. Elders Coy Powers, G. C Hendrix.

Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock, V. C. Patrick and Avery Testerman.

Saturday afternoon: Thomas Darnell to open service; E. E. Woods and Norman Carpenter to preach. Saturday night: C. L. Barker to open service and E. R. McClure and Quincy Higgins to preach. Sunday morning: Conley Wyatt to open service; J. S. Evans, Joseph Wood and James Barker to preach.

On motion and approval the Association adjourn until 9:30 Saturday morning.

The session was closed by Elder Joseph Woods by making a nice talk and reading 23 verses of the 14th chapter of St. John and singing "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be," and offering prayer.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3, 1949

The devotional service was omitted.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator and Elder Dewey Rhodes reading 6th chapter of Galations and singing No. 1 in Primitive Select and offering prayer.

The roll of messengers was read by the Clerk.

The Committee on Arrangements reports a bill of items.

On motion and approval the bill was received and the committee discharged and the items taken up as listed.

The minutes of the session held Sept. 2, were read and approved, granting the Clerk authority to make any needed corrections.

The Rules of Decorum were read.

On motion and approval corresponding brethren or our faith and order were invited to sit with us. One responded. J. T. Poole.

On motion and approval visiting brethren of our faith and order were invited to sit with us. Those that came forward were: Joseph Turner, James Roberts.

The corresponding brethren appointed at last association to visit The Little River Association reported they went and that they found that the work went on nice and the spirit was with them and also found there was some trouble between them.

On motion and approval the report was received and accepted.

The corresponding brethren appointed at last association

to visit Mt. Zion Association reported that they went and they had a good association and was in peace and love.

On motion and approval the report was received and accepted.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The committee on resolutions reports the following. 1. Be it resolved that we give the good Lord his blessings for the past year and pray for his blessings for the coming year. Seeing that we as delegates are almost a young generation, let us study our bibles that we may know how to do our Saviors Will, as he said he came to do his own will bu the father's that sent him. Let us beg and pursuade our churches to strictly contend for the faith and order that our fathers contended for.

A. First that we will always keep the Commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ, B. and that we will close our doors of our church against all unsound doctrine and also contend for a regenerated church membership for Christ said unto Nicodemas you must be born again.

C. L. Barker
Squire Clark,
Claude Stuart, Committee.

After having been discussed by James Barker, S. L. Hart, C. L. Barker, Claude Stuart, J. S. Evans, Joseph Wood, Qunicy Higgins. On motion and approval the report was received and the committee discharged.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

Committee on Sabbath Schools reports the following, we your committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following:

We advise all churches in our union to organize and maintain Sabbath Schools. We further advise our preachers and deacons to try to influnce our churches to have Sabbath Schools as we see it falling away in our churches.

We advise our churches not to go out of their body for their officers and teachers and to use the Bible as their text book. We believe it is our duties to teach the young generation the word of the Lord that they may know the duties of man and the love of God for many false teachers has already come.

Coy Powers,
E. R. McClure,
L. C. Greer, committee.

After being discussed by James Barker, Coy Powers, F. M. Perry and Rufus Stuart. On motion and approval the report was received and the committee discharged.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on temperance, report the following:

We advise all the churches in our union to be temperate in all things especially in strong drinks which are detrimental to the cause of Christ and his Kingdom.

Also to the health to those who participate in drinking strong beverages. We should be temperate in our everyday walks of life and speech, therefore brethren add to temperance patience wodliness and in so doing these things we shall neither barren nor unfruitful.

W. A. Lewis,
E. E. Woods,
Fred Miller, committee.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

Committee on Obituaries reports the following: 19 individual obituaries were received to be printed in the minutes.

E. W. Stansberry,
Quincy Turner,
Eli Blevins, committee.

On motion and approval the report was received and instructed the Clerk to have all the Obituaries printed in the minutes and discharge the committee.

SECETARY AND TREASURERS REPORT FOR 1948-1949

Finance Committee	$128.75
Balance In Treasure	128.05
	$256.80

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid Skyland Post for 1000 Minutes	$ 78.90
Donated Moderator	5.00
Donated Clerk	10.00
Postage and Wrapping Paper	4.20
Church Letters	4.90
Total	$103.00
Balance in Treasurer	$153.80

E. W. Stansberry,
Secretary and Treasurer.

On motion and approval the report was received by the association.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Committee on finance reports the following:

Baptist View	$ 21.50
Beech Creek	2.50
Covenant	5.00
Flat Grove	4.00
Fox Creek	8.50
Laurel Hill	3.00
Liberty	5.00
Mt. Zion	5.00
Mt. Pleasant Chapel	10.00
New Bethel	4.40

New Hope	4.50
Oak Grove	9.20
Pine Grove	10.00
Rich Valley	2.55
Silas Creek	9.00
St. Clairs Creek	5.00
Three Top	5.00
White Oak	8.50
Total	$122.55

A. M. Shepherd,
Avery Testerman
Melvin Poe, Committee.

On motion and approval the report was received and the committee discharged and E. W. Stansberry appointed secretary and treasurer and authorized to have as many minutes printed as the churches reported they needed and was donated $20.00 for his services and on motion and approval the Moderator was donated $10.00 also for his services and they also took up a collection for the Clerk and Moderator to which they donated freely.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO WRITE CORRESPONDING LETTERS

The report was read by E. W. Stansberry, Clerk and on motion and approval it was received and the committee discharged and the following brethren appointed to the Little River Association. Elders C. L. Barker, S. L. Hart, Coy Powers, E. R. McClure, Conley Wyatt, Rufus Stuart, James Barker and Brother George Eller.

The letter was read by E. W. Stansberry, Clerk and on motion and approval it was received and the committee discharged and the following appointed to the Mt. Zion Association: Elder James Barker.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ASSOCIATION

On motion and approval the next session of the Association will convene with Fox Creek church on Friday and Saturday before the first Lord's Day in September, 1950.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

On motion the Association extended its heartfelt thanks to the church at Baptist View and the community at large for their kind and loving care during the Association.

THE INTRODUCTORY SERMON

The introductory sermon will be delivered by Elder Conley Wyatt and alternate Elder G. G. Carpenter.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the session held on Sept. 3, were read and approved, granting the Clerk authority to make any needed corrections.

James Barker, Moderator,
E. W. Stansberry, Clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPT. 4, 1949

A large crowd gathered in the grove just back of the house. More than could be seated. The service was opened by Elder Conley Wyatt, by reading 15th to, and including the 20th verse of 16th chapter of St. Mark, and talking some and offering prayer.

The first sermon was delivered by J. S. Evans. Text: 1st verse of 12th chapter of Hebrews. Second sermon by Elder Joseph Woods. Text: 40-47 verses of 5th chapter of S. John. Last sermon by Elder James Barker. Text: 5th verse of 1st chapter of St. John. After he finished his sermon we sang songs and gave each the parting hand and the spirit came down in great power.

ROLL OF MESSENGERS

Baptist View — N. W. Eller, Gaither Jones, George Eller.
Beech Creek — Not represented.
Covenant — F. M. Perry, L. C. Greer, V. C. Patrick.
Flat Grove — Not represented.
Fox Creek — James Barker, C. L. Barker, Willie Barker.
Laurel Hill — E. E. Woods, Edd Eastridge.
Liberty — Rufus Stuart and Thomas Darnell.
Mt. Zion — W. S. Elliott, A. M. Shepherd.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel: E. R. McClure, Claud Stuart.
New Bethel — Not Represented.
New Hope — Eli Blevins, Willie Price.
Oak Grove — Rowie McNeill, Quincy Turner.
Pine Grove — Fred Miller, Dale Ham.
Rich Valley — Not Represented.
Silas Creek — Coy Powers, Austin Powers, Smith Roberts.
St. Clairs Creek — S. L. Hart, Joe Barr, Melvin Poe.
Three Top — Avery Testerman, W. M. Lewis, W. A. Lewis.
White Oak — E. W. Stansberry, Willard Hart, Square Clark.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

Barker, James ---------- Troutdale, Va
Barker, C. L. ---------- Troutdale, Va.
Campbell, G. W. ---------- Hemlock, N. C.
Carpenter, G. G. ---------- Grayson, N. C.
Carpenter, Norman ---------- Lansing, N. C.
Darnell, Thomas ---------- Silas Creek, N. C.
Dixon, J. E. ---------- White Top, Va.
Graham, John ---------- Husk, N. C.
Hart, S. L. ---------- Chilhowie, Va.
Hart, W. W. ---------- Tuckerdale, N. C.
Hart, Edward ---------- Lansing, N. C.
Howell, G. J. ---------- Sturgills, N. C.
Hicks, Howard ---------- Beech Creek, N. C.
Jones, H. H. ---------- Forest Hill, Md.
McClure, E. R. ---------- Helton, N. C.
Mink, Batty ---------- Meadow View, Va.
Miller, Lillard ---------- Chatham, Pa.
Perkins, D. J. ---------- Treetop, N. C.

Powers, Coy ---------- Grassy Creek, N. C.
Powers, Luther ---------- Lansing, N. C.
Patrick, V. C. ---------- Anawalt, W. Va.
Rhodes, Dewey ---------- Aberdeen, Md.
Richardson, Earl ---------- Brandon, N. C.
Pruitt, Archie ---------- Darlington, Md.
Sapp, W. O. ---------- Elk Creek, Va.
Sexton, Earl ---------- Grassy Creek, N. C.
Stines, Charlie ---------- Beech Creek, N. C.
Stuart, Rufus ---------- Grassy Creek, N. C.
Testerman, Avery ---------- Treetop, N. C.
Woods, E. E. ---------- Fig, N. C.
Wyatt, Conley ---------- Grayson, N. C.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF LICENSED MINISTERS

Absher, Emsley ---------- Nathan's Creek, N. C.
Campbell, Conley ---------- Hemlock, N. C.
Brown, James ---------- Smethport, N. C.
Bartlebough, James ---------- Forest Hill, Md.
Barrett, Bennie ---------- Roanoke, Va.
Barr, Joe ---------- Chilhowie, Va.
Eller, N. W. ---------- Conowingo, Md.
Hawks, Calvin ---------- Lansing, N. C.
Powers, Basil ---------- Brandon, N. C.
Roberts, Smith ---------- Lansing, N. C.
Sawyers, W. R. ---------- Saltville, Va.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Baptist View — No officers, 2; No. teachers, 4; No. pupils enrolled, 88; Average attendance, 61.

Covenant — No. officers, 2; No. teachers, 2; No. pupils enrolled, 28; Average attendance, 22.

Three Top — No. officers, 2; No. teachers, 3; No. pupils enrolled, 60; Average atendance, 40.

White Oak — No. officers, 2; No. teachers, 3; No. pupils enrolled, 65; Average attendance, 48.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Baptist View — Archie Pruitt, H. H. Jones, Dewey Rhodes.
Beech Creek — Howard Hicks, Conley Wyatt.
Covenant — Conley Wyatt, E. E. Woods, G. G. Carpenter, Norman Carpenter.
Flat Grove — G. G. Carpenter, E. E. Woods.
Fox Creek — C. L. Barker, Floyd Adams, Coy Powers.
Laurel Hill — E. E. Woods, Conley Wyatt.
Liberty — Earl Sexton, Earl Richardson, Rufus Stuart.
Mt. Zion — Conley Wyatt, G. G. Carpenter, E. E. Woods.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel — Coy Powers, Earl Sexton, E. R. McClure.
New Bethel — W. W. Hart, Earl Sexton, Earl Richardson.
New Hope — Edward Hart, Norman Carpenter.
Oak Grove — E. R. McClure, C. L. Barker.
Pine Grove — E. R. McClure, Coy Powers.

Rich Valley — Coy Powers, Luther Powers.
St. Clairs Creek — C. L. Barker.
Silas Creek — James Barker, E. E Woods
Three Top — Coy Powers, Earl Sexton
White Oak — W W. Hart, James Barker, Conley Wyatt, Earl Sexton, Edward Hart.

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

Baptist View — George Eller, Conowingo, Md.
Beech Creek — Coy Stines, Beech Creek, N. C.
Covenant — L. C. Greer, Grayson, N. C.
Flat Grove — Mabel Lewis, Tree Top, N. C.
Fox Creek — Greek Walton, Troutdale, Va.
Laurel Hill — Conley Campbell, Hemlock, N. C.
Liberty — Zenna Blevins, Silas Creek, N. C.
Mt. Zion — A. M. Shepherd, Ball, N. C.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel — Alene Turner, Crumpler, N. C.
New Bethel — L. L. Wilcox, Husk, N. C.
New Hope — Eli Blevins, White Top, Va.
Oak Grove — Thomas Elliott, Smethport, N. C.
Pine Grove — J. T. Reedy, Clifton, N. C.
Rich Valley — Glenn Elliott, Fig, N. C.
St. Clairs Cerek — Melvin Poe, Chilhowie, Va.
Silas Creek — W. H. Sexton, Lansing, N. C.
Three Top — W. S. Lewis, Milam, N. C.
White Oak — Lettie Hart, Lansing, N. C.

TIME OF COMMUNION FOR EACH CHURCH

Baptist View — First Sunday in August.
Beech Creek — Third Sunday in August.
Covenant — Second Sunday in July.
Flat Grove — Second Sunday in July.
Fox Creek — Second Sunday in July.
Laurel Hill — First Sunday in August.
Liberty — Third Sunday in August.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel — Second Sunday in August.
Mt. Zion — Second Sunday in Auugst.
New Bethel — First Sunday in July.
New Hope — Fourth Sunday in August.
Oak Grove — First Sunday in August.
Pine Grove — Third Sunday in July.
Rich Valley — Fourth Sunday in July.
St. Clairs Creek — Fourth Sunday in July.
Silas Creek — On Sunday after fourth Saturday in July
Three Top — First Sunday in August.
White Oak — Third Sunday in July.

Statistical Table

CHRCHES	Sunday	Ord. Ministers	Lic. Ministers	Rec. by Experience	Rec. by Letter	Rec. by Application	Restored	Dis. by Letters	Excluded	Deceased	No. Males	No. Females	Total
Baptist View	1	3	2	6	1	2		1	2		63	76	139
Beech Creek	3	2		1			2			1	14	24	38
Covenant	2	3		2					2		12	22	34
Flat Grove	3	1									14	17	31
Fox Creek	2	2		1	1			1		1	43	67	110
Laurel Hill	1	2	1	1						1	16	32	48
Liberty	3	3								3	20	45	65
Mt. Pleasant Chapel	2	1	1							1	24	42	66
Mt. Zion	2			1							19	41	60
New Bethel	1	1		4							11	30	41
New Hope	4	1			2					1	12	23	35
Oak Grove	1			1				6		4	26	44	70
Pine Grove	3			2	1					1	38	80	118
Rich Valley	4	1	1					1			10	23	33
Silas Creek	4	4	2	3			2		2	1	38	88	126
St. Clairs Creek	4	2	3							3	36	83	119
Three Top	1	1		1						1	48	101	149
White Oak	3	3		2		1	1			3	17	72	89
Total		30	10	25	5	3	5	9	6	21			

Obituaries

ADAMS

John A. Adams, son of Riley and Kate Adams, was born May 30, 1868 and died March 19, 1948, age 79 years, 9 months and 18 days. He was married to Elizabeth Sexton and unto this union were born 8 children, of whom 4 live to mourn their loss and 4 had preceded him into the glory land.

He professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Silas Creek church and later was ordained a deacon and lived a faithful member until God called him home. When the call came he was ready to go and weep not, dear children for our loss is his eternal gain.

When our work here is done and our life crown is won.
All our trials and troubles are over and our sorrows will end.

Written by Mary Rutherford.

BILLINGS

J. W. Billings was born September 28, 1898, age 50 years, 4 months and 16 days. He was married to Allie Billings and unto this union were born 10 children of which 7 are living and 3 dead. He was down sick for several months and he prayed day and night for himself and his family and we believe he is resting with his 3 little babies.

Written by Martha Pruitt.

BLEVINS

Amanda Blevins, of Lindenburg, Pa., professed hope in Christ in early life and joined the Baptist church and later moved to Zion Hill and then to St. Clairs Creek church in which she lived a faithful member of the same till death. She was a kind and loving mother and loved by all who knew her. She always loved to watch for us, anxious if we were late,

In winter by the window,
In summer by the gate.
Her thoughts were all so full of us,
And so I think that where she is she must be watching,
Yet waiting till we come home to her.
Anxious if we are late.
Watching from heaven's window,
Leaning from heaven's gate.

Written by Melvin Poe.

BURKS

Alice Leona Burks, the daughter of Lewis and Matilda Harris, was born Sept. 18, 1882 and died April 22, 1949, making her stay on earth 67 years, 8 months and 4 days. She was first married to David Trivett and unto this union were born two children, Mrs. Georgie Eller and Mrs. Dora Eldreth and 8 grand children and many relatives and friends to mourn her loss. Later she was married to James Brewer and later to

Boyd Burks, who has preceded her in death.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Three Top Baptist church, of which she lived a faithful member. She bore her sickness in patience and often rejoiced in the Lord on her sick bed. We believe she just left a world of trouble, pain and sorrow and went to a place of joy and peace and happiness. Weep not children and friends, but be prepared to meet mother in heaven.

Written by Elder Coy Powers.

BLEVINS

Mylia Entheny Blevins was born Nov. 5, 1853 and departed this life Oct. 4, 1948, making her stay on earth 94 years, 11 months and 1 day.

She was married to Richard Blevins, August 6, 1875. He preceded her in death 33 years ago. To this union were born 9 children, of whom 3 are living and 6 dead. She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Mt. Pleasant Chapel church where she lived a faithful Christian life. She was a kind, loving wife and mother, who had many friends. To know her was to love her. She leaves to mourn her passing, 3 children, 13 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild, one brother and one sister.

Weep not, children and loved ones,
For mother has gone to rest.
But prepare to meet her in the
Home of the blest.

CHURCH

Clifford Reggie Church, Jr., the son of Clifford and Fannie Church, was born Oct.6 and died October 6, making its stay on earth but a few hours. Weep not, but strive to meet it in the end, for Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Written by Elder E. R. McClure.

CLARK

William Clark was born March 3, 1866 and departed this life February 18, 1949, age 2 years, 11 months and 17 days. He was married to Callie Elliott, Oct. 7, 1887. She departed this life August 8, 1916. To this union was born 8 children and 3 preceded him in death. The living are Alice Clark, Doris Greer, Victor Clark, Ray Clark, of Lansing and Frank Clark, of Pennsylvania; 8 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

In later years he married Delia Farmer and unto this union wes born 2 children, one having preceded him in death and William Clark, Jr., yet living. He professed a hope in Christ about 12 years ago and later on joined the Union Baptist church at White Oak and lived a faithful member until death. He bore his sickness patiently and often said he was ready to go and just waiting till the Lord called him home. He was a kind and loving husband and father and will be missed by

all who knew him. We feel our loss is his eternal gain in heaven.

ELLER

Rose, wife of Thomas Eller and daughter of John and Elizabeth Adams, was born May 30, 1892 and died October 19, 1946 at the age of 53 years, 4 months and 18 days. She was married to Thomas Eller and to this union were born three daughters, of whom two survive to mourn their loss, one having preceded her to the glory land. She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Silas Creek church and lived a faithful member till God called her home. Weep not, husband and children, our loss is her eternal gain.

A dear one from us is gone.
A voice we loved is stilled.
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

By a sister, Mary Rutheford.

HAM

Seaby Jane Ham was born March 16, 1853 and departed this life Dec. 17, 1948, making her stay on earth 90 years, 9 months and 1 day. She was married to J. G. Ham in 1877 and unto this union were born 6 children of which 3 children and also her husband had preceded her in death. Those living are William, and Mose Ham and Hattie Mahaffey, all of Lansing.

Sister Jane professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined White Oak church soon after it was organized where she lived a faithful member as long as she was able to attend she was there to fill her seat. She had been sick for several years, but we feel her suffering is all over and she is resting in Jesus until the resurrection morning when she can welcome her children and friends home in heaven.

JONES

Matilda Jane Jones was born Dec. 2, 1874 and departed from this life December 31, 1948, making her stay here on this earth 73 years and 29 days.

She was married to B. F. Jones in the year 1898. To this union were born 7 children, all living. In early life she professed hope in Christ and visited with the Chestnut Hill Methodist church and in later years she moved her membership to Liberty Baptist church where she remained a faithful member until death. She always took every opportunity to attend any where and enjoyed the good old-fashioned meetings. She will be greatly missed among her children, friends and neighbors, because of her fillingness to lend a helping hand in need. We feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

JONES

William Cicero Jones, son of Ambrose and Sarah Jones, was born April 24, 1865 and passed away December 4, 1948, making his stay on earth 83 years, 8 months and 20 days. About

the year 1888 he was married to Retha Jone Blevins, who preceded him in death several years ago. To this union were born 4 children, Charlie, who preceded him in death, and 3 living. He professed a hopei n Christ and joined Liberty Union Baptist church many years ago. He served as deacon for a number of years and remained a faithful member until he passed away.

He was a kind and devoted father, a good neighbor and citizen and was liked by all who knew him. We feel that he will rest peacefully till the judgment day and that our loss is his eternal gain.

He leaves 3 children, 2 small grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

Written by Mrs. Kermit Jones.

LANDRETH

Floyd Landreth was born August 22, 1869 and died Feb. 24, 1949. His stay on earth was 79 years, 6 months and 2 days. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Landreth. He was married to Francis Bare and to this union were born 9 children. His wife and 5 children preceded him in death. He leaves four daughters and several grandchildren and great grandchildren and relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

He professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined St. Clairs Creek church and lived a faithful member of same until death.

Written by a friend.

MILES

On the afternoon of January 13, 1949, our heavenly Master came into the home and took from the companion, the husband John Green Miles, who was born February 28, 1907, age 41 years. Son of William Thomas Miles. He was married to Dottie Cox. He had been in bad health for some time and during his suffering he bore the pain with much patience. He was a kind and loving husband and to all who knew him.

The comforting words he spoke to his wife and father, we know he had made peole with Bod, but hadn't publicly revealed it. He told his father only a short time before he died that he was hunting for a church that practiced religion as near like he was raised, to join and that he believed Baptist View church where he had been attending, was as near like it as he could find. We believe if he had lived he would have joined there.

Written by Elder Dewey Rhodes.

NEAVES

Thomas Cicero Neaves was born August 19, 1885 and departed this life December 12, 1948, making his stay on earth 63 years, 3 months and 23 days, leaving his wife and 4 sisters to mourn their loss. His father, mother and one brother preceded him in death. He professed a hope in Christ several years ago and united with church at Pine Grove, where he remained a faithful member until he was called home. He leaves a host of friends and neighbors to mourn their loss.

POWERS

Phillip W. Powers was born November 15, 1864, died February 13, 1949, age 84 years, and 3 months. He was married to Elizabeth Walton. Unto this union were born 10 children, 2 boys and 8 girls. He professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Zion Hill church and later moved his membership to St. Clairs Creek church and lived a faithful member until death. He was kind and was loved by all who knew him. Some day we hope to meet him. Some day, we know not when, to clasp his hands in a better land. To never part again.

By Melvin Poe.

RHODES

Sarah Rash Rhodes was born May 16, 1863 and departed this life Nov. 21, 1948, making her stay on earth 95 years, 6 months and 6 days.

She was married to James Rhodes, February 8, 1877 and unto this union were born 13 children of which 8 have preceded her in death and 5 yet living. She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Pine Grove church and later moved her membership to Oak Grove where she remained a faithful Christian member till God called her home. She was a kind and loving mother, a good neighbor and loved by all who knew her. So weep not children, but meet mother in heaven where sad parting never comes.

RHODES

Martin E. Rhodes, a son of James and Sarah Rhodes, was born November 22, 1877 and departed this life May 27, 1949, making his stay on earth 71 years, 6 months and 5 days. He was married to Nannie M. Rhodes, April 12, 1899 and unto this union were born 11 children, 6 having preceded him in death, 3 girls and 2 boys still living. He professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Oak Grove church and liveda faithful member until death.

He was ordained deacon of the church 48 years before his death and always carried out his deaconship well. He served as clerk of the church 20 years. We feel that the church has lost a good, active member and one that will be greatly missed in the church and the community has lost a good neighbor, but we feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

SEXTON

Easter Sexton was born June 13, 1867 and died April 26, 1949. Her stay on earth was 81 years, 10 months and 13 days.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and was baptized into the fellowship of Silas Creek church, where she remained a loyal and faithful member until God saw fit to call her from this world of trouble to the sunny clime of never fading glory. Her mind and affections seemed to be set on things above. She told me just a few days before she died to

never let anything stop me from preaching the word and to warn poor sinners to get ready for death.

She is greatly missed in the home, in the community, in the church and by all who knew her, but Jesus had prepared a better place for her than the world can afford. Many times she would rejoice during her sickness in a savior's love. She leaves one sister and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

Written by Rev. Earl Sexton.

SAWYER

Jame Monroe Sawyer, son of A. F., and Fenie E. Sawyer, was born December 25, 1865 and died August 6, 1949, making his stay here on earth 83 years, 7 months and 12 days He was married to Alice Bury, who preceded him in death several years ago. He is survived by 2 brothers and also a number of nephews and nieces. He was a member of the Regular Baptist church for a number of years. He was a very humble and loveable man, who made friends with everyone he came in contact with. He leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

WEAVER

Elder Willie Harrison Weaver, son of W. M., and Phronia Weaver, was borne October 24, 1896 and died August 13, 1949, making his stay on earth 53 years, 9 months and 11 days. He was married to Clyde Darnell and unto this union was born 6 children, one having preceded him in death. He leaves his wife, 5 children, 3 brothers and 7 sisters and a number of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

Brothe Willie professed a hope in Christ about 5 years ago and joined New Hope Baptist church and later was ordained to preach. He lived a faithful member as long as he was able to go to church. He then talked of the church and the word. He bore his sickness with patience and was willing for God's will to be done with him. Just before he died he called his wife and said he wanted to go home, that he was on the bank of the river close home. We feel that Brother Willie has gone home to heaven where there's no sorrow or trouble.

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MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY - FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Mountain Union Baptist Association

Composed Of Messengers From The Regular Baptist Churches In Our Union

Convened With

PINE GROVE REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH

AUGUST 31 AND SEPTEMBER 1, 2, 1951

ELDER JAMES BARKER, Moderator -- Troutdale, Va.

E. W. STANSBERRY, Clerk ---------- Lansing, N. C.

The Next Session Of The Association Will Convene With Oak Grove Church One Mile From Warrensville, N. C. On Friday And Saturday Before The First Lord's Day In September, 1952.

Introductory Sermon By Elder John Graham, Husk, N. C.; Alternate, Elder Smith Roberts, Lansing, N. C.

A BAPTIST CHURCH

By a Baptist Church in the document is meant such a Baptist Church as avowedly believes and distinctly teaches among other Bible tenets the following: The essential diety of Jesus Christ, the full inspiration and authority of the Bible as the written Word of God, the absolute necessity of regeneration; salvation by grace through faith in Christ's atoning blood; scriptural baptism and membership in a Baptist church as orderly and essential prerequisities to communion at the Lord's Supper as observed among Baptist.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and Feet-Washings are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances and we believe the only mode of baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; and that the joys of the righteous; and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the hand of the Presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at the time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

4. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on any person who spoke, by making remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall state fairly the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

5. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from the Association for his absence.

6. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sittings of same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

8. No member of the Association shall address another by any appelation except that of brother.

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violate the Rules of Decorum.

10. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the Association shall request.

11. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote unless Association be equally divided, then he may give the deciding vote.

12. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be known by the name of Mountain Union Baptist Association and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union and duly sent to represent the Association, who, on producing letters shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates; in their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letters, by application; dismissed by letter, excluded, and dead since last Association.

Article 2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have an ecclesitastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any eternal right over any church in her Union.

Article 3. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular decorum.

Article 4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually by a majority vote of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

Article 5. New churches or any Baptist church of our faith and order, in good standing, either dismissed by letter from sister associations or by application by sending up letters and delegates shall be admitted into the Union.

Article 6. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

Article 7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Article 8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of its proceedings. The best method of

accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Associations.

Article 9. We think it necessary to have an Associational Fund to defray the expenses of the Association. And it's the duty of each church in the Union to contribute sums as they think proper to the Association and these moneys shall be deposited with the treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

Article 10. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

Article 11. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

Article 12. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they deem it expedient, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

Article 13. The Association shall act as advisory counsel and shall endeavor to preserve a general Union among the churches, and give advice in matters of difficulty.

Article 14. The Association shall inquire into the cause, if any church fails at any time to be represented in the Association.

Article 15. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

Article 16. The Association may correspond with sister Associations and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing who may be of our faith and order, to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

Article 17. The Association shall have the power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

Article 18. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain the same as they may choose.

CHURCH COVENANT

We do now, in the presence of Almighty God and in the faith of the Gospel and by the present help of Divine Grace unitedly give ourselves to God Almighty, father, son and Holy Ghost. To be for Him and no other, freely submitting ourselves to Him, to be at His disposal, that He may be glorified by us and through us. We agree to take the Bible as our only rule of faith and practice, regarding the Old Testament as containing the Ordinances of the Old Dispensation and New Testament as containing the Ordinances of the New Dispensation. We agree to contend earnestly both by precept and example for

the whole of that faith which Christ has once for all delivered to His saints. That we will strive together for the support of a faithful evangelical ministry among us and through life amid evil report and good report seek to live to the Glory of Him, who hast called us out of darkness into the marvelous light, having given ourselves unto Him, we freely and joyfully give ourselves unto one another by the will of God and bearing each other's burdens, participating in each other's joys, that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect the great duty of prayer for ourselves and for others.

That we will endeavor to bring up such as may at any time be under our care in the nature and admonition of the Lord. We engage to watch over each other in love and to hold communion together in all the ordinances of the Gospel. Submitting ourselves to the discipline which Christ requires in His church. Searching His word and praying for His spirit that we may increase in knowledge and in joy a clear manifestation of the Ministry of Godliness and of the Glory of His Kingdom, continually looking and waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever, Amen.

Proceedings

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 1951

The Mountain Union Baptist Association of regular churches met in session with Pine Grove Baptist church August 31, 1951. Services were opened by Elder Coy Powers by reading 22nd chapter of Revelation and Elder C. L. Barker offering prayer.

Introductory sermon delivered by Elder E. E. Woods.

After an intermission the messengers reassembled for the transaction of business. The association was opened by Elder E. R. McClure by reading 21 verses of the 15th chapter of St. John and singing number 59 in Primitive Select. and Elder J. S. Evans offering prayer.

The moderator called for the association letters. There were 18 received and read by E. W. Stansberry, clerk, and Brother F. M. Perry. The Moderator, Elder James Barker, seated the messengers for the transaction of business.

On motion and approval they proceeded to elect a moderator and clerk by private ballot. The moderator appointed Elders J. S. Evans, Joseph Woods and Brother Lonnie Brooks as tellers. The tellers reported Elder James Barker as moderator and E. W. Stansberry, clerk.

On motion and approval the report was received and the tellers discharged.

On motion and approval it was decided to give the moderator authority to publish an open door for the reception of new churches of our faith and order. One responded.

Upon motion and approval we received New Bridge church in our body.

On motion and approval corresponding brethern of our faith and order were invited to sit with us of the Little Association came forward and ask for seats were as follows: Elders J. S. Evans, Bert Anders, B. G. C. Hendrix, DeWitt Evans, and Brothers Lannie Brooks. C. M. Simcox and K. M. Simcox.

A letter from Mt. Zion Association was received and the following seated: Elders Joseph Wood, Sol Blankenship, Walter Greene, Ed Hurley and Brothers Everette Marrs, John Moran.

On motion and approval the moderator called for brethern of our faith and order desiring seats with us. Those that responded were: Elders Dewey Rhoads, Henry H. Jones, Archie Previtt and Brothers Dale Rhoads, Marvin Brachins, James Barltebough, Cecil Cheek, Jeff Brackins, Clarence Roland and Walter Caudill.

On motion and approval the moderator was invested with the authority to make all temporary appointments of the association, where upon he appointed the following:

Ministry — Tundy Elliott, Troy Roten, Rowie McNeill and delegates of Pine Grove church.

Temperance — Edward Hart, Square Clark and Charlie Petty. Tde

Resolutions — E. R. McClure, F. M. Perry, Norman Carpenter.

Finance — Wayne Miller, Walter Brown, Adolphus Shepherd.

Sabbath Schools — Avery Testerman, N. W. Eller, Earl Richardson.

Arrangements — Luther Powers, Fred Weaver, Thomas Darnell, Floyd Stins, W. W. Elliott, E. W. Stansberry, James Barker and delegates of Pine Grove church.

Obituaries — E. W. Stansberry, Lee Campbell and Uliss Weaver.

The moderator appointed George Eller to write a letter to the Little River Association.

The moderator appointed F. M. Perry to write a letter to the Mt. Zion Association.

The committee on ministry reports preaching at 8:00 o'clock Friday night. Elders Coy Powers and Dewey Rhoads. Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock with Elders Walter Greene and Archie Privitt. Saturday afternoon: to open service, Elder G. J. Howell and B. D. Anderson to preach. Saturday night, Elders Conley Wyatt and Crocket Delp. Sunday morning, Elder Quincy Higgins to open service and Elders Joseph Woods, J. S. Evans and James Barker to preach.

On motion and approval the association adjourned until Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

The session was closed by Elder Joseph Woods by making a nice talk and singing 219 in Gospel Select and offering prayer.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1951

The association was called to order by the moderator and Elder J. S. Evans reading 12 verses of the 5th chapter of Matthew and singing number 200 in Primitive Select, offering prayer.

The roll of messengers was read by the clerk. The committee on arrangements reports a bill of items.

On motion and approval the bill was received and the committee discharged and the items taken up as listed.

The minutes of the session held August 31 were read and approved granting the clerk authority to make any needed corrections.

The rules of decorum were read.

On motion and approval corresponding brethern of our faith and order were invited to sit with us Elders Coy Powers and Brothers George Comber, W. W. Sexton, Willie Barker and Tevis Darnell.

The corresponding brethern appointed at last association to visit the Little River Association reported they were striving on and holding to the faith and the spirit was with them and was trying to do what the Lord wanted them to do.

On motion and approval the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The corresponding brethern appointed to visit Mt. Zion Association reported they went and that they found them in peace and love and the spirit with them.

On motion and approval we accept the report and discharge the committee.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION

We, your committee on resolutions recommend to our churches of our association that we contend for a higher standard of religion than that of worldly society, so we should be careful in our church work and worship that we have a good report of them that is without for true followers of God. Should be the light of the world on as the salt of the earth and all pray that our pastors should be courageous for Moses told them to be courageous and fear them not that they may be examples of the flock. Also to persuade our members to attend the churches as much as possible.

We advise our churches to stand against intoxicating drinks as a beverage for it is against the cause of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ and is destroying the young people and sending souls to torment. We further advise our churches to stand against all who encourage worldly amusements that be a stumbling block in our churches. We advise our churches to stand against bodies or churches who went off in disorder until they set themselves in order and not receive their work into our churches.

E. R. McClure, Norman Carpenter and F. M. Perry, the committee.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOL

We, your committee on Sabbath schools submit the following: We advise all our churches in our union to organize and maintain Sabbath schools. We further advise our preachers and deacons to try to influence our churches to have Sabbath school as we see it is falling away in some of our churches. We advise our churches not to get any one out of their body for their officers and teachers and to use the Bible for their text book. We believe it is our duty to teach the younger generation the word of the Lord that they may know the duty that they owe to God. For many false teachers have already come.

Earl Richardson, N. W. Eller and Avery Testerman, committee.

On motion and approval after being discussed by James Barker, Avery Testerman and Norman Carpenter the report was received and the committee discharged.

TEMPERANCE

We advise all our churches in our union to be temperate in all things and to abstain from strong drink which is detrimental to the cause of Christ and His kingdom. We should be temperate in our everyday walks of life and speech, especially preaching of the gospel. Rev. 22-18-19 for to testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book. If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy God shall take away his part out of the book of life

and out of the Holy City and from things that are written in this book.

Therefore brethern, add to temperance, patience, Godliness and in so doing these things we shall neither be barren nor unfruitful.

Edward Hart, Square Clark and Charlie Petty, committee.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

Committee on obituaries reports the following: Eighteen individual obituaries were received to be printed in the minutes.

E. W. Stansberry, S. L. Hart and Monroe Perry, committee.

On motion and approval the report was received and instructed the clerk to have all the obituaries printed in the minutes and discharge the committee.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORT FOR 1950 AND 1951

Finance committee	$130.28
Balance in treasurer	$148.85
TOTAL	$279.13
Paid Skyland Post for 1,000 minutes	$ 84.50
Donated Moderator	$ 10.00
Donated Clerk	$ 20.00
Postage and paper	$ 4.00
TOTAL	$118.50
Balance in treasurer	$160.63

E. W. Stansberry, Secretary and Treasurer.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Committee on finance reports the following:

Baptist View	$ 20.00
Beech Creek	$ 2.00
Covenant	$ 4.40
Flat Grove	$ 4.00
Fox Creek	$ 10.00
Laurel Hill	$ 3.00
Liberty	$ 6.00
Mt. Zion	$ 5.60
Mt. Pleasant Chapel	$ 10.00
New Bethel	$ 4.35
New Hope	$ 8.00
New Bridge	$ 17.00
Oak Grove	$ 8.00
Pine Grove	$ 10.55
Rich Valley	$ 4.00
Silas Creek	$ 9.75
St. Clairs Creek	$ 8.50
Three Top	$ 11.50
White Oak	$ 12.00
TOTAL	$158.65

Committee: Wayne Miller, W. E. Brown and Dolphus Shepherd. .Co.ye-

On motion and approval the report was received and the committee discharged and E. W. Stansberry appointed secretary and treasurer and authorized to have as many minutes printed as the churches reported they needed and was donated $20.00 for his services and on motion and approval the moderator was donated $10.00 also for his services.

Report of committee appointed to write corresponding letters. A letter was read by E. W. Stansberry to the Little River Association and on motion and approval it was received and the committee discharged and the following appointed to the Little River Association: Elders C. T. Barker, Smith Roberts, Coy Powers, V. C. Patrick, Bynam McMillan, Edward Hart, E. R. McClure, Thomas Darnell, Rufus Stuart, E. E. Wood and James Barker.

A letter was read by E. W. Stansberry to Mt. Zion Association and on motion and approval it was received and the committee discharged and the following appointed to the Mt. Zion Association: Elders V. C. Patrick. Edward Hart, Smith Roberts, Coy Powers, C. L. Barker and James Barker.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ASSOCIATION

On motion and approval the next session of the association will convene with Oak Grove church on Friday and Saturday before the first Lord's Day in September, 1952.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

On motion the association extended its heartfelt thanks to the church at Pine Grove and the community at large for their kind and loving care during the association.

THE INTRODUCTORY SERMON

The introductory sermon will be delivered by Elders John Graham and alternate Smith Roberts.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the session held on September 1 were read and approved granting the clerk authority to make any needed corrections.

James Barker, Moderator and E. W. Stansberry, Clerk.

Sunday morning, September 2, 1951 a large crowd gathered in the grove just below the church house, more than could be seated.

The service was opened by Elders Quincy Higgins by reading four chapters of Esther and making a nice talk.

The first sermon was delivered by Elder Joseph Wood, text: 9-10 verses of 4th. chapter of 2nd Kings; second sermon by J. S. Evans, 16th verse of 1st chapter of Thessalonians; last sermon by Elder James Barker, text: 9th verse of 4th chapter of Hebrew.

ROLL OF MESSENGERS

Baptist View — N. W. Eller, Gaither Jones and George Eller.
Beech Creek — Howard Hicks, Mike Ward and Ray Guy.
Covenant — F. M. Perry, Walter Joines and Norman Carpenter.
Flat Grove — H. E. Lewis, T. D. Furches and L. L. Rash.
Fox Creek — James Barker, C. L. Barker and Lee Campbell.
Laurel Hill — Floyd Osborne, Conley Campbell, Robert Campbell.
Liberty — Thomas Darnell, Maxie Blevins and Rufus Stuart.
Mt. Zion — Smith Greer, Millard Elliott, and A. M. Shepherd.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel — E. R. McClure, E. L. Absher and Jethro Blevins.
New Hope — Fred Weaver, Boil Perry and Vlis Weaver.
New Bethel — Wayne Miller, Luther Hart and L. L. Wilcox.
New Bridge — G. C. Delp, Charlie Petty and Bynum McMillan.
Oak Grove — Rowie McNeill, Bluford Elliott and W. W. Elliott.
Pine Grove — W. S. Miller, Frank Sawyer and J. T. Rudy.
Rich Valley — Troy Roten, James Brown and Lundy Elliott.
Silas Creek — Earl Richardson, Luther Powers and Earl Sexton.
St. Clairs Creek — B. M. Carter, Walter Brown, Melvin Poe.
Three Top — Avery Testerman, J. C. Reid and Charlie Rash.
White Oak — E. W. Stansberry, Square Clark, Edward Hart

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

Barker, James	Troutdale, Va.
Barker, C. L.	Troutdale, Va.
Campbell, G. W.	Hemlock, N. C.
Carpenter, G. G.	Grayson, N. C.
Carpenter, Norman	Oakwood, N. C.
Darnell, Thomas	Silas Creek, N. C.
Dixon, J. E.	White Top, Va.
Delp, G. C.	Rising Sun, Maryland
Graham, John	Husk, N. C.
Hart, S. L.	Chilhowie, Va.
Hart, W. W.	Tuckerdale, N. C.
Hart, Edward	Lansing, N. C.
Howell, G. J.	Sturgills, N. C.
Hicks, Howard	Beech Creek, N. C.
Jones, H. H.	Forest Hill, Maryland
McClure, E. R.	Helton, N. C.
Mink, Batty	Meadow View, Va.
Perkins, D. J.	Mountain City, Tenn.
Powers, Cov	Grassy Creek, N. C.
Powers, Luther	Lansing, N. C.
Patrick, V. C.	Bluefield, W. Va.
Pruitt, Archie	Darlington, Md.
Richardson, Earl	Brandon, N. C.
Rhoads, Dewey	Aberdeen, Md.
Roberts, Smith	Lansing, N. C.
Sann, W. O.	Elk Creek, Va.
Sexton, Earl	Grassy Creek, N. C.
Stuart, Rufus	Grassy Creek, N. C.
Testerman, Avery	Tree Top, N. C.
Woods, E. E.	Fig, N. C.
Wyatt, Conley	Grayson, N. C.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF LICENSED MINISTERS

Absher, Emsley ..... Nathan's Creek, N. C.
Brown, James ..... Smethport, N. C.
Bartlebough, James ..... Forest Hill, Md.
Barr, Joe ..... Chilhowie, Va.
Barrett, Bennie ..... Roanoke, Va.
Brachens, Earnest ..... Colora, Maryland
Campbell Conley ..... Fig, N. C.
Curtis, B. M. ..... Chilhowie, Va.
Eller, N. W. ..... Peach Bottom, Pa.
Powers, Basil ..... Brandon, N. C.
Phillips, Dollis ..... Meadow View, Va.
Perry, Emmit ..... Darlington, Md.
Rhoads, Dale ..... Aberdeen, Md.
Sawyers, W. R. ..... Saltville, Va.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Baptist View — Number of officers, 2; number of teachers, 4; number enrolled, 68; average attendance, 37.
Three Top — Number of officers, 2; number of teachers, 4; pupils enrolled, 60; average attendance, 40.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Baptist View — H. H. Jones, Dewey Rhoads and Archie Pruitt.
Beech Creek — Conley Wyatt and G. G. Carpenter.
Covenant — Norman Carpenter, Conley Wyatt and E. E. Woods.
Flat Grove — G. G. Carpenter and E. E. Woods.
Fox Creek — E. R. McClure, C. L. Barker and James Barker.
Laurel Hill — Conley Wyatt and E. E. Woods.
Liberty — Thomas Darnell, Earl Richardson, Earl Sexton and Rufus Stuart.
Mt. Zion — Conley Wyatt, G. G. Carpenter and E. E. Woods.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel — E. R. McClure, Coy Powers and Earl Sexton.
New Hope — Earl Sexton, Edward Hart and Earl Richardson.
New Bethel — John Graham, Earl Sexton and Earl Richardson.
New Bridge — G. C. Delp, Archie Pruitt, Dewey Rhoads, H. H. Jones, and Smith Roberts.
Oak Grove — C. L. Barker and E. R. McClure.
Pine Grove — E. R. McClure, Coy Powers, Earl Richardson and Smith Roberts.
Rich Valley — Luther Powers, Coy Powers.
Silas Creek — E. E. Woods. E. R. McClure.
St. Clairs Creek — C. L. Barker.
Three Top — Coy Powers and Earl Sexton.
White Oak — James Barker, Conley Wyatt, Edward Hart and W. W. Hart.

CHURCH, CLERKS, ADDRESSES

Baptist View — George Eller, Lincoln University, Pa.
Beech Creek — Coy Stines, Shaley, N. C.
Covenant — L. C. Greer, Grayson, N. C.
Flat Grove — Mabel Lewis, Tree Top, N. C.
Fox Creek — Greek Walton, Troutdale, Va.
Laurel Hill Conley Campbell, Hemlock, N. C.
Liberty — Zenna Blevins, Silas Creek, N. C.

Mt. Zion — A. M. Shepherd, Ball, N. C.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel — Alene Turner, Crumpler, N. C.
New Hope — Eli Blevins, Whitetop, Virginia.
New Bethel — L. L. Wilcox, Husk, N. C.
New Bridge — Emmit Petty, Darlington, Maryland.
Oak Grove — Thomas Elliott, Smethport, N. C.
Pine Grove — J. T. Reedy, Clifton, N. C.
Rich Valley — Glen Elliott, Fig, N. C.
Silas Creek — B. M. Carter, Chilhowie, Virginia.
St. Clairs Creek — B. M. Carter, Chilhowie, Va.
Three Top — W. A. Lewis, Milam, N. C.
White Oak — Paul Hart, Lansing, N. C.

TIME OF COMMUNION FOR EACH CHURCH

Baptist View ..... First Sunday in August
Beech Creek ..... First Sunday in August
Convenant ..... Second Sunday in July
Flat Grove ..... Third Sunday in June
Fox Creek ..... Second Sunday in July
Laurel Hill ..... First Sunday in August
Liberty ..... Third Sunday in August
Mt. Pleasant Chapel ..... Second Sunday in August
Mt. Zion ..... Second Sunday in August
New Bethel ..... First Sunday in July
New Hope ..... Fourth Sunday in August
New Bridge ..... Not given as to time
Oak Grove ..... First Sunday in August
Pine Grove ..... Third Sunday in July
Rich Valley ..... Fourth Sunday in June
St. Clairs Creek .. On Sunday after fourth Saturday in July
Three Top ..... First Sunday in August
White Oak ..... Third Sunday in July

STATISTICAL TABLE

	Sunday	No. Ordained Ministers	No. Licensed Ministers	Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Received by Application	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. Males	No. Females	
Baptist View	1	3	4	22							69	85	154
Beech Creek	4	2						1			11	14	25
Covenant	2	4									12	20	32
Flat Grove	3										13	18	31
Fox Creek	2	2						1			4	64	105
Laurel Hill	1	2	1							1	19	29	48
Liberty	3	4		1				2		2	21	41	62
Mt. Pleasant Chapel	2	1	1	2						1	24	46	70
Mt. Zion	2				2	1		2			17	44	61
New Bethel	1	1									12	34	46
New Hope	4	1		5		1					14	32	46
New Bridge	2	1	2	1		1					25	27	52
Oak Grove	1			10							29	47	76
Pine Grove	3			7		2			1		40	84	124
Rich Valley	4	1	1	6				2		2	13	25	38
Silas Creek	4	5	1	3	1					1	38	88	126
St. Clairs Creek	4	2	5					1		1	36	80	116
Three Top	1	1						1		1	49	105	154
White Oak	3	2		4			1			2	18	76	94
TOTAL		32	15	61	3	5	1	10	1	11	464	959	1423

Obituaries

BAKER

Orpha Jane Testerman Baker, the daughter of Winfield and Ella Testerman, was born August 11, 1902 and departed this life December 22, 1950, making her stay on earth, 48 years, four months and 11 days.

She was married to Charlie Baker and to this union were born six children, four boys and two girls. One boy somewhere in Korea.

She professed a hope in Christ in the year 1917 and joined Liberty Baptist church where she remained a faithful member until death.

She was afflicted for years but bore her afflictions patiently and often talked about dying and her heavenly home. Besides her husband and children, she leaves her father and mother, five sisters and three brothers and a host of friends. Two sisters and one brother proceeded her in death.

Mother dear how we miss you
More than any tongue can tell
Gone to be with friends and Jesus
Where we will never say farewell.
Written by her sister, Zena Blevins.

BLEVINS

David L. Blevins, son of the late David Blevins and Nancy Jacks Blevins was born March 27, 1864, departed this life July 4, 1951, making his stay on earth 87 years, three months and seven days.

He was married to Mattie Jones, July 23, 1892. Unto this union were born six children of which two proceeded him in death. Those surviving are Mrs. Jean Sawyer, Claude L. Blevins, Mrs. Carrie Osborne, and Mrs. Laura Segraves. His first wife having proceeded him in death, he was later married to Malissie Deboard, who survives him.

He professed a hope in Christ and joined Baptist Chapel church in 1884 and later years moved his membership to Mt. Pleasant Chapel church where he remained a faithful member until death. He took a great interest in his church and attended as long as he was able to go and was always giving good advise.

He advised us all to hold fast to the faith once delivered unto the Saints.

He bore his afflictions with patience. All was done for him that loving hands could do, but we believe our loss is his eternal gain.

Oh, the old home looks so lonely,
In the corner is a chair,
No husband or father with silver hair,
We should not weep for him, for he would say
Don't shed a tear, but all live for Jesus and come
Up here with me to stay.
Written by his children.

BLEVINS

Mary Ann Blevins, the daughter of Jasper and Rebecca McClure, was born February 4, 1868 and deceased this life May 12, 1950 making her stay on earth 82 years, three months and eight days.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined Mt. Pleasant Chapel church in 1917 and was baptised and lived a faithful member until death.

She was married to Wiley Blevins and unto this union were born four children, one proceeded her in death, three living to mourn their loss, Jethro, Edmon and Jasper. She has three brothers and one sister to mourn their loss, but we feel our loss is her eternal gain.

She was afflicted for many years while here on earth. The last three years of her life she was almost helpless but she bore her sickness with patience. We feel she was greatly loved by her children and daughter-in-law and received the tender hand of care from them all.

Weep not children and grandchildren for mother has just left a world of trouble and pain and has gone to be with Jesus where it will be peace and happiness and death will never come no more. Live for Jesus and one day we feel you can take mother by the hand and ever live with her in that heavenly land.

BLEVINS

Emma Carline Eller Blevins was the daughter of Calvin Eller. She was born April 23, 1874. Her stay here on earth was 76 years and 11 months and 27 days. She was married to Eugene Blevins March 8, 1897. Unto them were born five children: C. L. Blevins. Mrs. G. D. Ball, Mrs. B. H. Mink, Mrs. D. L. Riffry and J. M. Lewis and 39 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren.

She professed a hope in Christ some forty years ago and was united with Liberty church and later moved her membership to St. Clairs Creek church of which she lived a faithful member until death.

She told her husband and all her children she was ready to go and for them to meet her in heaven where we would never part no more.

There's a vacant place in our home that never can be filled.

Her passing away will be a great loss to her community and all who knew her. She has gone to that beautiful shore.

We hope some day to meet her where parting comes no more.

Written by husband and children.

CARTER

Ira Winfield Carter was born June 16, 1880 and died May 30, 1951, making his stay on earth 70 years, 11 months and 17 days.

He was married to Nancy Barton. He leaves his wife and two children, Mrs. Will Bumgardner. Ruth Carter, and five grandchildren. One brother, Bynum Carter, and a number of relatives. He professed a hope in Christ in early life but never joined a church.

ELLIOTT

Roby Elliott was born August 16, 1887 and died July 28, 1950, making his stay on earth 63 years and 18 days.

Roby was loved by all who knew him although he was afflicted most of his life and could not enjoy life as others did. We believe he has gone to rest where he will not suffer any more.

His funeral was conducted at White Oak church by Rev. T. A. Farmer and Edward Hart and was laid to rest in the family cemetery by his father and mother. He has one brother and two sisters who proceeded him in death, leaving one brother and two sisters and a host of friends to mourn their loss. He often sang, "I am going home to die no more," and we hope to meet him in Heaven some day and clasp his hand where parting will be no more.

HALL

Callie Osborne Hall was born March 14, 1879 and departed this life September 9, 1950, making her stay on earth 71 years, five months and 25 days.

She was married to William Hall December 17, 1898. Unto this union were born eight children of which three have proceeded her in death and five living; Mrs. Florence Davis, George Hall, Ressie Osborne, Bessie Carpenter and Walter Hall and 25 grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, four brothers and one sister, also lots of friends to mourn her loss.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined the church and lived a member of same until her death.

She was a kind and loving mother and bore her sickness with patience. A good neighbor and loved by all who knew her. So weep not husband, children and relatives but meet her in Heaven where sad parting never comes.

Written by Mae Wyatt.

HART

Edith Hart was born January 29, 1866 and died October 8, 1950, making her stay on earth 85 years, eight months and ten days. She was married to Enoch Hart and unto this union were born five children; two girls and three boys, Roby Hart, Charlie Hart, Ambrose Hart, Etty Hart and Maggie Hart proceeded her in death. She was a member of St. Clairs Creek church and attended her church as long as she was able to go and when disable she wanted to hear the church bell ring.

Written by church members.

MATHENA

Ollie Mae Parsons Mathena was born May 8, 1906, departed this life September 20, 1949, at the age of 43 years, four months and 12 days. She was the daughter of the late T. E. and Martha B. Parsons. She was married to James Robert Mathena and to this union were born five children. She leaves to survive, her husband and five children, five sisters and two brothers.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and was a member of the Baptist union church of Marion, Virginia.

Written by brother and sister.

Claude F. Parsons and Rena Ounbry.

MILLER

James A. Miller was born July 10, 1900, departed this life July 9, 1951, age 50 years, 11 months and 29 days. He was married to Lessie Clark, August 5, 1927 and unto this union were born four children, Mrs. Earl Barker, Kyle, Darrell and Shirley. He leaves wife, children, mother and three brothers, four sisters, one grandchild and a host of friends and relatives to morn their loss. Brother James professed a hope in Christ and joined White Oak Baptist church February 17, 1951. His health had been bad for some time but he said all during his sickness he was ready to go. He was a kind and devoted father, a good neighbor and was loved by all who knew him.

We feel that he will rest peacefully until the judgement day and that our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by Edd Hart.

MILLER

Aley Miller was born February 14, 1846, died July 13, 1951, age, 105 years, five months and one day, was married to Eli Miller and unto this union were born five children, four now living and one dead. Bina Ham, Bina Davis, Dona Miller and Charlie Miller, 28 grandchildren, 72 great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren, three brothers, John Hart, Wells Hart and Ira Hart. She spent her entire life in Ashe county.

She joined Apple Grove Baptist church and later moved her membership to White Oak church where she was a member the rest of her life. She was a kind campanion and mother and good to all she knew. She leaves her brothers, children, relatives and friends to mourn their loss but their loss is her eternal gain.

Written by the children.

PARSONS

Thomas Elbert Parsons was born February 6, 1867, departed this life June 10, 1949, making his stay here 82 years, four months and eight days. He was married to Martha Bell Marchant about 1895 who proceeded him in death June 11, 1945. He was the father of 11 children, four of which proceeded him in death. He was a kind and loving father, a good neighbor to all who knew him. He made a profession in Christ and was baptised in early life and was a member at Baptist Union until death.

His chair is vacant in our home,
A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our home which
Never can be filled.

POWERS

Elizabeth Walton Powers, daughter of Lofton and Nancy Walton, was born April 26, 1861, departed this life January 26, 1949, age 87 years, nine months.

She was married to Philip W. Powers who has proceeded her in death. Unto this union were born ten children, seven living and three dead. Those living are Laura Powers, Rachel Blevins, Liddie Creggery, Alice Jones and Callie Dolinger all

of Chilhowie, Virginia; Belle Blevins of West Virginia, Amanda Blevins of Pennsylvania. She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Zion Hill Baptist church later moved her membership to St. Clairs Creek church and lived a faithful member until death. She was a kind and loving mother and loved by all who knew her. She always loved to watch for us anxiously if we were late. In winter by the window, in summer by the gate. Her thoughts were so full of us and so I think that is where she is. She must be watching, yet waiting, waiting until we come. Watching from heavens, window leaning from heavens' gate.

By Melvin Poe

PERKINS

Harvey A. Perkins, son of Lewis and Rachel, was born July 10, 1871 and departed this life December 28, 1950, making his stay on earth 79 years, five months and 18 days.

He was married to Mallie Jones, November 30, 1879, and to this union were born nine children, four having proceeded him in death and five still living, three boys and two girls, Hobert T. Perkins, Wright S. Perkins and Daniel T. Perkins and Helen V. Perkins, 14 grandchildren and one great grandchild. He professed a hope in Christ about 1905 and joined Tree Top Baptist church and a short time later he was ordained Deacon and was a faithful servant to his church until God saw fit to call him away.

He leaves his companion, five children, one brother, the adopted son, relatives and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

I came to a spot where a lone pilgrim lay and silently stood there alone and in a low whisper I heard something say, how peaceful I sleep here alone.

I hear the soft wind sweeping through every bush and tree, where our dear father is sleeping, away from home and me.

Written by companion and children.

ROARK

David Washington Roark the son of Jessie and Nomia Roark was born February 20, 1869, departed January 5, 1950, making his stay on earth 80 years, 11 months and 15 days. He professed hope in Christ in early life and joined the missionary church at Clifton and later moved his membership to Three Top Baptist church where he remained until death. He was married to Mary Eller in 1894. Unto this union were born five children, two having proceeded him in death. Those living are Mrs. David Lawernce, Mrs. Parker Latham and Jonah Roark.

Weep not companion and children for we believe our loss is his eternal gain.

SHARPE

Betty Clyde Sharpe, infant daughter of Walter and Beatrice Sharpe was born March 16, 1951. Still-born she never was permitted to see the world in which she was blessed. She was just a little sunbeam that brightened the room for

only a few hours, then she was carried out to have a home so lonely. Don't weep for little Betty for the troubles of this world will never be her's. But may all prepare to meet little Betty, where we can take her in our arms and live with Jesus for ever more. Safe in the arms of Jesus, safe on his loving breast, our little darling is resting with Jesus we love the best.

Written by Clyde Testerman.

WATKINS

Nona Ossie Testerman Watkins, beloved wife of Elwood F. Watkins of Maryland was born January 18, 1910, making her stay on earth 40 years eight months and 29 days. She professed hope in Christ in 1924 and joined Liberty Baptist church where she remained until death.

She took every opportunity to attend her church and where and when she could she enjoy the good old-fashion meetings and the spirit of God. She was a very kind and devoted wife and a good neighbor and was loved by all who knew her. She leaves her husband, father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Winfrild Testerman and six sisters and three brothers and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

A dear one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our home
Which can never be filled.

Written by her sister, Jenna Blevins.

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MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY - SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Mountain Union Baptist Association

Composed of Messengers From The Regular Baptist Churches In Our Union.

Convened With

OAK GROVE REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH

SEPT. 5-6, 1952

ELDER JAMES BARKER, Moderator, -- Troutdale, Va.

E. W. STANSBERRY, Clerk ---------- Lansing, N. C.

The Next Session Of The Association Will Convene With Rich Valley Church, 2 Miles From Fig Post Office, N. C. On Friday And Saturday Before The First Lords Day In September, 1953.

Introductory Sermon By Elder Earl Sexton, Grassy Creek, N. C. Alternate, Elder Rufus Stuart, Grassy Creek, N. C.

A BAPTIST CHURCH

By a Baptist Church in the document is meant such a Baptist Church as avowedly believes and distinctly teaches among other Bible tenets the following: The essential diety of Jesus Christ, the full inspiration and authority of the Bible as the written Word of God, the absolute necessity of regeneration; salvation by grace through faith in Christ's atoning blood; scriptural baptism and membership in a Baptist church as orderly and essential prerequisities to communion at the Lord's Supper as observed among Baptist.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.
2. We believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.
5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
7. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and Feet-Washings are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances and we believe the only mode of baptism is by immersion.
8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; and that the joys of the righteous; and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the hand of the Presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at the time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is done speaking.
4. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on any person who spoke, by making remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall state fairly the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
5. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from the Association for his absence.
6. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
7. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of

laughing during the sittings of same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

8. No member of the Association shall address another by any appelation except that of brother.

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violates the Rules of Decorum.

10. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the Association shall request.

11. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote unless Association be equally divided, then he may give the deciding vote.

12. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be known by the name of Mountain Union Baptist Association and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union and duly sent to represent the Association, who, on producing letters shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates; in their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letters, by application; dismissed by letter, excluded, and dead since last Association.

Article 2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have an ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any eternal right over any church in her Union.

Article 3. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular decorum.

Article 4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually by a majority vote of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

Article 5. New churches or any Baptist church of our faith and order, in good standing, either dismissed by letter from sister associations or by application by sending up letters and delegates shall be admitted into the Union.

Article 6. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

Article 7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Article 8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of its proceedings. The best method of accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Associations.

Article 9. We think it necessary to have an Associational Fund to defray the expenses of the Association. And it's the duty of each church in the Union to contribute sums as they

think proper to the Association and these moneys shall be deposited with the treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

Article 10. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

Article 11. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

Article 12. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they deem it expedient, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

Article 13. The Association shall act as advisory counsel and shall endeavor to preserve a general Union among the churches, and give advice in matters of difficulty.

Article 14. The Association shall inquire into the cause, if any church fails at any time to be represented in the Association.

Article 15. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

Article 16. The Association may correspond with sister Associations and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing who may be of our faith and order, to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

Article 17. The Association shall have the power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

Article 18. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain the same as they may choose.

CHURCH CONVENANT

We do now, in the presence of Almighty God and in the faith of the Gospel and by the present help of Divine Grace unitedly give ourselves to God Almighty, father, son and Holy Ghost. To be for Him and no other, freely submitting ourselves to Him, to be at His dispcsal, that He may be glorified by us and through us. We agree to take the Bible as our only rule of faith and practice, regarding the Old Testament as containing the Ordinances of the Old Dispensation and New Testament as containing the Ordinances of the New Dispensation. We agree to contend earnestly both by precept and example for the whole of that faith which Christ has once for all delivered to His saints. That we will strive together for the support of a faithful evangelical ministry among us and through life and evil report and good report seek to live to the Glory of Him, who hast called us out of darkness into the marvelous light, having given ourselves unto Him, we freely and joyfully give ourselves unto one another by the will of God and bearing each

other's burdens, participating in each other's joys, that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect the great duty of prayer for ourselves and for others.

That we will endeavor to bring up such as may at any time be under our care in the nature and admonition of the Lord. We engage to watch over each other in love and to hold communion together in all the ordinances of the Gospel. Submitting ourselves to the discipline which Christ requires in His church. Searching His word and praying for His spirit that we may increase in knowledge and in joy a clear manifestation of the Ministry of Godliness and of the Glory of His Kingdom, continually looking and waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever, Amen.

Proceedings

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1952

The Mountain Union Baptist Association of regular churches met in session with Oak Grove Baptist church, September 5, 1952.

Services were opened by Elder Rufus Stuart by reading 8th chapter of Songs of Solomon and Elder G. J. Howell offering prayer.

Introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Smith Roberts, Text, 1-5 verses of 14th chapter, St. John and Elder James Barker making a nice talk.

After an intermission the messengers reassembled in the house for the transaction of business. The association was opened by Elder Earl Sexton by reading 23rd chapter of Psalms and talking some and singing No. 345 in Primitive Select and offering prayer.

The Moderator called for the associational letters. There were 19 received and read by E. W. Stansberry, clerk, and Brother A. M. Shepherd. The moderator, Elder James Barker, seated the messengers for the transaction of business.

On motion and approval they proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk by private ballot.

The Moderator appointed Elders Joseph Woods, J. S. Evans and Bro. G. C. Hendrix as tellers.

The tellers reported Elder James Barker as Moderator and E. W. Stansberry, Clerk.

On motion and approval the report was received and the tellers discharged.

On motion and approval it was decided to give the Moderator authority to publish an open door for the reception of new churches of our faith and order. None responded.

On motion and approval corresponding brethern of our faith and order were invited to sit with us. The Little River Association came forward and asked for seats with us were as follows, Elders J. S. Evans, Brother G. C. Hendrix, DeWitt Evans, Lonnie Brooks and J. M. Tucker.

A letter from Mt. Association was received and the following seated: Elders Joseph Woods, Sol Blankenship, Willie Elkins, Walter Greene, Brother William O. Neal, Albert Lester, James Colbird, Edd Hurley, Virgil Cline, Floyd A. Morris, John Moran, Tarvin Steel and Clarence Roland.

On motion and approval the Moderator called for brethern of our faith and order desiring seats with us. Those that responded were Archie Pruitt, Dewey Rhoads, Dale Rhoads, Marvin Brackins, Jessie G. Andrews and Roby Roland.

On motion and approval the Moderator was invested with the authority to make temporary appointments of the association; whereupon he appointed the following:

Ministry: Square Clark, A. M. Shepherd, Emsley Absher and Oak Grove delegates.

Temperance: Earl Sexton, Troy Roten, Emmit Petty.

Resolutions: George Eller, E. R. McClure, W. M. Lewis.

Finance: Shearmin Hicks, Walter Brown, Win Testerman.

Sabbath Schools: Earl Richardson, Wayne Miller, Vail Perry.

Arrangements: G. W. Campbell, L. C. Greer, C. L. Barker, T. D. Furches, Rufus Stuart, James Barker, E. W. Stansberry and delegates of Oak Grove church and corresponding brethern.

Obituaries: Lee Campbell, E. W. Stansberry, Bynum McMillan.

The Moderator appointed George Eller to write a letter to the Little River Association.

The Moderator appointed G. G. Carpenter to write a letter to the Mt. Zion Association.

The committee on ministry reports preaching at eight o'clock Friday night, Elders Coy Powers and E. E. Woods; Saturday morning, Elders Earl Richardson and Earl Sexton; Saturday afternoon, E. R. McClure and G. C. Hendrix; Saturday night, Elder Dewey Rhoads and C. L. Barker; Sunday morning, Elder Conley Wyatt to open service and Elders Joseph Woods, J. S. Evans, James Barker to preach.

On motion and approval the association adjourned untill Saturday morning at ten o'clock.

The session was closed by Elder Joseph Woods by talking some and singing "Amazing Grace" and offering prayer.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1952

The association had a devotational service before the Moderator called the association to order by singing a number of songs and Elder Joseph Woods opened the service by reading 131st chapter of Psalms and making a nice talk and J. S. Evans offering prayer and singing "Amazing Grace" and Elder Conley Wyatt offering prayer and singing "How Firm A Foundation."

The association was called to order by the Moderator and Elder J. S. Evans singing "Amazing Grace" and offering prayer.

The roll of messengers was read by the clerk. The committee on arrangements reports a bill of items.

On motion and approval the bill was received and the committee discharged and the items taken up as listed.

The minutes of the session held September 5th were read and approved granting the clerk authority to make any needed corrections.

The rules of Decorum were read.

On motion and approval corresponding brethern of our faith and order were invited to sit with us. Willie Barker and from Little River Association, E. C. Moore, Willie Wyatt, S. M. Jones, Bert Anders.

The corresponding brethern appointed at last association to visit Little River Association reported they found them in peace and love and wanted to visit them again at their next association.

On motion and approval the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The corresponding brethern appointed to visit Mt. Zion

Association reported they went and found them in peace and love and were glad they went.

On motion and approval we accept the report and discharge the committee.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on resolutions, recommend to our churches of our association that we contend for a higher standard of religion than that of worldly society. So we should be careful in our church work and worship and we also advise our churches to contend for the old way and practice that our association was organized on and be careful in our church work that we don't invite trouble or disorderly people into our church work.

We also advise our churches to stand against intoxicating drinks as a beverage for it is against the cause of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and is destroying our young people and sending souls to torment. We further advise our churches to stand against all who encourage worldly amusements, that be a stumbling block in our churches. We advise our churches to stand against bodies or churches or preachers who went off in disorder or preachers that are not of our faith and practice that are causing trouble among our churches and not receive their work into our churches.

Committee: George Eller, E. R. McClure and W. M. Lewis.

SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sabbath schools, submit the following: We advise all our churches in our union to organize and maintain sabbath schools. We further advise our preachers and deacons to try to influence our churches to have sabbath schools as we see it is falling away in most of our churches. We advise our churches not to use anyone out of their body for their officers and teachers and to use the Bible for their text book.

We believe it is our duty to teach the young generation the word of the Lord, that they might know the duty that they owe to God, for many false teachers have already come.

Committee: Earl Richardson, Vail Perry and Wayne Miller.

On motion and approval and after being discussed by James Barker the report was received and the committee discharged.

TEMPERANCE

Committee on temperance reported and advised we use the one printed last year and upon motion and approval was decided to adopt the report we had and have it printed.

We advise all our churches in our union to be temperate in all things and to abstain from strong drink which is detrimental to the cause of Christ and his Kingdom. We should be temperate in our everyday walks of life and speech especially preaching of the gospel. Rev. 22-18-19 for to testify unto every man that hearth the words of the prophecy of this book. If any man shall add unto these things God shall add unto him

the plagues that are written in this book and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prohecy God shall take away his part out of the book of life and out of the holy city and from things that are written in this book. Therefore brethern add to temperance, patience, Godliness and in so doing these things we shall neither be barren nor unfruitful.

Committee: Earl Sexton, Troy Roten and Emmit Petty.

OBITUARIES

Committee on obituaries report the following: Seventeen individual obituaries were received to be printed in the minutes.

Committee: E. W. Stansberry, C. L. Campbell and Bynum McMillian.

On motion and approval the report was received and instructed the clerk to have all the obituaries in the minutes and discharge the committee.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORT FOR 1951 AND 1952

Finance committee	$158.65
Balance in treasurer	$160.63
TOTAL	$329.28
Paid Skyland Post for 1,000 minutes	$ 91.70
Donated Moderator	$ 10.00
Donated Clerk	$ 15.00
Postage and paper	$ 5.28
TOTAL	$126.98
Balance in treasurer	$202.30

E. W. Stansberry, Secretary and Treasurer.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Committee on finance reports the following:

Baptist View	$ 22.00
Beech Creek	$ 3.00
Covenant	$ 3.00
Flat Grove	$ 5.00
Fox Creek	$ 10.00
Laurel Hill	$ 3.50
Liberty	$ 5.00
Mt. Zion	$ 6.00
Mt. Pleasant Chapel	$ 10.00
New Hope	$ 9.05
New Bethel	$ 5.00
New Bridge	$ 17.50
Oake Grove	$ 10.00
Pine Grove	$ 10.00
Rich Valley	$ 4.00
Silas Creek	$ 8.00
St. Clairs Creek	$ 13.50
Three Top	$ 8.00
White Oak	$ 15.25
TOTAL	$167.80

Committee: Shermin Hicks, Walter Brown and Win Testerman.

On motion and approval the report was received and the committee discharged and E. W. Stansberry appointed secretary and treasurer and authorized to have 1,000 minutes printed for the churches and was donated $25.00 for his services and on motion and approval the moderator was donated $15.00 also for his services.

Report of committee appointed to write corresponding letters. A letter was read by E. W. Stansberry to the Little River Association and on the motion and approval it was received and the committee discharged and the following appointed to the Little River Association: C. T. Barker, E. R. McClure, S. R. Hart, James Barker, Rufus Stuart, Norman Carpenter, G. W. Campbell E. E. Woods and Brothers, A. M. Shepherd and Emsly Absher.

A letter was read by E. W. Stansberry to Mt. Zion Association and on motion and approval it was received and the committee discharged and the following appointed to the Mt. Zion Association: Elders Norman Carpenter, James Barker and Bros. L. C. Greer and Eli Blevins.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ASSOCIATION

On motion and approval the next session of the association will convene with Rich Valley church on Friday and Saturday before the first Lords day in September, 1953.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

On motion the association extended its heartfelt thanks to the church at Oak Grove and the community at large for their kind and loving care during the association.

THE INTRODUCTORY SERMON

The introductory sermon will be delevered by Elders Earl Sexton and Alternate, Rufus Stuart.

The minutes of the session held September 6 were read and approved granting the clerk authority to make any needed corrections.

James Barker, Moderator; E. W. Stansberry, Clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 7, 1952

A large crowd gathered in the grove just below the church house. More than could be seated.

The service was opened by Elder Conley Wyatt by reading 15th and 16th verses of 16th chapter St. Mark and preaching a good sermon.

The first sermon was delivered by Elder Joseph Woods. Text, 17th verse of 7th chapter of 1st Corenthians.

The second sermon was delivered by Elder J. S. Evans. Text 16th verse 3rd chapter, St. John.

Last sermon by Elder James Barker, Text 2nd verse 3rd chapter of 1st Peter.

All the sermons were delivered with great power from on high and the Spirit came down in great power and every one seemed happy.

ROLL OF MESSENGERS

Baptist View — N. W. Eller, George Eller, Walter Caudill.
Beech Creek — Shearmin Hicks.
Covenant — L. C. Greer, Norman Carpenter, G. G. Carpenter.
Flat Grove — H. E. Lewis, T. D. Furches, T. L. Rash.
Fox Creek — H. L. Campbell, C. L. Barker, James Barker.
Laurel Hill — E. E. Woods, Conley Campbell, Floyd Osborne.
Liberty — Thomas Darnell, Rufus Stuart, Winfield Testerman.
Mt. Zion — A. M. Shepherd, Glen Elliott, Smith Greer.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel — E. R. McClure, E. L. Absher, Thelmus Blevins.
New Hope — Fred Weaver, Eli Blevins, Vail Perry.
New Bethel — Gorden Tedder, Wayne Miller, Luther Hart.
New Bridge — Charlie Petty, Bynum McMillan, Emmit Petty.
Oak Grove — W. W. Elliott, Joseph Turner, Rowie McNeill.
Pine Grove — Adalphus Black, Fred Miller, Frank Sawyer.
Rich Valley — James Brwn, Lester Elliott, Troy Roten.
Silas Creek — Earl Sexton, Earl Richardson, Frank Richardson.
St. Clairs Creek — Emmet Denny, Walter Brown, Dallas Phillips.
Three Top — W. M. Lewis, Charlie Rash, W. A. Lewis.
White Oak — Square Clark, E. W. Stansberry, Edward Hart.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

Barker, James	Troutdale, Va.
Barker, C. L.	Troutdale, Va.
Campbell, G. W.	Hemlock, N. C.
Carpenter, G. G.	Grayson, N. C.
Carpenter, Norman	Lansing, N. C.
Darnell, Thomas	Silas Creek, N. C.
Dixon, J. E.	White Top, Va.
Delp, G. C.	Rising Sun, Md.
Graham, John	Husk, N. C.
Hart, S. L.	Chilhowie, Va.
Hart, W. W.	Tuckerdale, N. C.
Hart, Edward	Lansing, N. C.
Howell, G. J.	Sturgills, N. C.
Hicks, Howard	Beech Creek, N. C.
Jones, H. H.	Forest Hill, Md.
McClure, E. R.	Helton, N. C.
Mink, Batty	Meadow View, Va.
Powers, Coy	Grassy Creek, N. C.
Powers, Luther	Lansing, N. C.
Patrick, V. C.	Bluefield, W. Va.
Pruitt, Archie	Darlington, Md.
Richardson, Earl,	Grassy Creek, N. C.
Rhoads, Dewey	Aberdeen, Md.
Roberts, Smith	Lansing, N. C.
Sapp, W. O.	Elk Creek, Va.
Sexton, Earl	Grassy Creek, N. C.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

Stuart, Rufus	Grassy Creek, N. C.
Testerman, Avery	Tree Top, N. C.

Woods, E. E. ..... Fig, N. C.
Wyatt, Conley ..... Grayson, N. C.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF LICENSED MINISTERS

Absher, Emsley ..... Nathan's Creek, N. C.
Brown, James ..... Smethport, N. C.
Bartlebough, James ..... Forest Hill, Md.
Barrett, Bennie ..... Roanoke, Va.
Barr, Joe ..... Chilhowie, Va.
Brackins, Marvin ..... Darlington, Md.
Campbell, Conley ..... Fig, N. C.
Carter, B. M. ..... Chilhowie, Va.
Eller, N. W. ..... Peach Bottom, Pa.
Powers, Basil ..... Brandon, N. C.
Phillips, Dallis ..... Meadow View, Va.
Petty, Emmit ..... Darlington, Md.
Rhoads, Dale ..... Aberdeen, Md.
Sawyers, W. R. ..... Saltville, Va.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Babtist View — No. officers, 2; No. teachers, 4; No. pupils enrolled, 73; Average attendance, 51.
Three Top — No. officers, 2; No. of teachers, 4; No. pupils enrolled, 60; average attendance, 35.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Baptist View — H. H. Jones, Dewey Rhoads, Archie Pruitt.
Beech Creek — G. G. Carpenter, Conley Wyatt.
Covenant — G. G. Carpenter, E. E. Woods, Conley Wyatt.
Flat Grove — E. E. Woods, G. G. Carpenter.
Fox Creek — C. L. Barker, James Barker, Smith Roberts.
Laurel Hill — Conley Wyatt, E. E. Woods.
Liberty — Earl Richardson, Earl Sexton.
Mt. Zion — E. E. Wods, G. G. Carpenter, Conley Wyatt.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel — E. R. McClure, Earl Sexton, Coy Powers.
New Hope — Norman Carpenter, J. E. Dixon, Earl Sexton.
New Bethel — Earl Richardson, Earl Sexton.
New Bridge — G. C. Delp, Archie Pruitt, Dewey Rhoads.
Oak Grove — C. L. Barker, E. R. McClure, Earl Sexton.
Pine Grove — E. R. McClure, Coy Powers, Earl Richardson, Smith Roberts.
Rich Valley — Coy Powers, Luther Powers.
Silas Creek — E. E. Woods, E. R. McClure.
St. Clairs Creek — E. R. McClure, C. L. Barker.
Three Top — Coy Powers, Earl Sexton.
White Oak — W. W. Hart, James Barker, Edward Hart, S. L. Hart, Conley Wyatt.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Baptist View — George Eller, Lincoln University, Pa.
Beech Creek — Coy Stines, Whaley, N. C.
Covenant — L. C. Greer, Grayson, N. C.
Flat Grove — Mabel Lewis, Tree Top, N. C.
Fox Creek — Greak Walton, Troutdale, Va.

Laurel Hill — Conley Campbell, Grayson, N. C.
Liberty — Zenna Blevins, Silas Creek, N. C.
Mt. Zion — A. M. Shepherd, Ball, N. C.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel — Alene Turner, Crumpler, N. C.
New Hope — Eli Blevins, White Top, Va.
New Bethel — L. L. Wilcox, Husk N. C.
New Bridge — Emmit Petty, Darlington, Md.
Oak Grove — Thomas Elliott, Smethport, N. C.
Pine Grove — J. T. Reedy, Clifton, N. C.
Rich Valley, Glen Elliott, Fig, N. C.
Silas Creek — W. H. Sexton, Lansing. N. C.
St. Clairs Creek — Emmit Denny Chilhowie, Va.
Three Top — W. A. Lewis. Milam, N. C
White Oak — Paul Hart, Lansing, N. C.

TIME OF COMMUNION FOR EACH CHURCH

Baptist View ..... First Sunday in August
Beech Creek ..... First Sunday in August
Covenant ..... Second Sunday in July
Flat Grove ..... Third Sunday in June
Fox Creek ..... Second Sunday in July
Laurel Hill ..... First Sunday in August
Liberty ..... Third Sunday in August
Mt. Pleasant Chapel ..... Second Sunday in August
Mt. Zion ..... Second Sunday in August
New Bethel ..... First Sunday in July
New Hope ..... Fourth Sunday in August
New Bridge ..... Second Sunday in August
Oak Grove ..... First Sunday in August
Pine Grove ..... Third Sunday in July
Rich Valley ..... Fourth Sunday in June
St. Clairs Creek ..... Fourth Sunday in July
Silas Creek ..... On Sunday after 4th Saturday in July
Three Top ..... First Sunday in August
White Oak ..... Third Sunday in July

STATISTICAL TABLE

	Sunday	No. Ordained Ministers	No. Licensed Ministers	Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Received by Application	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. Males	No. Females	
Baptist View	1	3	4	15	1	3		3	1	2	86	106	192
Beech Creek	4	2						1		1	10	13	23
Covenant	2	4		2				1			11	22	33
Flat Grove	3										12	18	30
Fox Creek	2	2				1				2	41	63	104
Laurel Hill	1	2	1							1	19	28	47
Liberty	3	4				1		1			20	42	62
Mt. Pleasant Chapel	2	1	1				1			1	24	46	70
Mt. Zion	2									3	16	42	58
New Bethel	1	1	0	2			1				12	36	48
New Hope	4	1	0			1			1		14	32	46
New Bridge	2	1	2	3	1	3		2			27	30	57
Oak Grove	1			1	1	1				1	31	48	79
Pine Grove	3			2				2	4	10	35	75	110
Rich Valley	4	1	1	8		1		1		1	16	31	47
Silas Creek	4	5	1	4				1		1	39	89	128
St. Clairs Creek	4	2	5					1		2	37	79	116
Three Top	1	1		5		5		1		1	53	109	162
White Oak	3	2						1	3	1	18	71	89
TOTAL		32	15	42	3	16	2	15	9	27	529	1080	

Obituaries

BARKER

Sarah Barker, daughter of Thomas and Barbery Ellen Hurley was born August 17, 1860 and died January 31, 1952; age 91 years, 5 months and 14 days. She was married to W. N. Barker in 1876 and unto this union were born nine children, six boys and three girls. Her husband and 2 children proceded her in death. She professed a hope in Christ and joined Baptist Chapel church in 1877 and remained a faithful member of that church until 1911 when she obtained a letter and went into the organization of Fox Creek Baptist church as a charter member and remained a faithful member until death making 75 years of church membership.

She was afflicted for many years and wasn't able to attend the church. She leaves 7 children, 1 brother, 1 sister, 40 grandchildren, 61 great grandchildren and 24 children of the 5th generation and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. But we feel our loss is her great gain.

BARR

Mrs. Lina Perry Barr, daughter of Stephen and Anna Perry, was born March 30, 1876, and departed this life December 23, 1951 making her stay on earth 75 years, 8 months and 23 days. She professed a hope in Christ at an early age and joined Mountain View Baptist church. She later moved her membership to Big Laurel Baptist church and lived a faithful member until death. She attended her church as long as she was able.

She is survived by two brothers and one sister, F. M. Perry of Apple Grove, N. C. and S. T. Perry of Kingsport, Tenn. and Mrs. Ettie Moore of Apple Grove, N. C. and three foster children, Mrs. Laura Shoaf, Warrensville, N. C.; Vaughn Perry, War, W. Va. and Clifford Perry, Baltimore, Md. Her husband proceeded her in death several years ago.

Dear Lina how we miss you. Miss your fast steps to and fro. Miss your loving voice so tender as you use to come and go. But now you are up in Heaven resting peacefully with God and we know your feet are walking where angels feet have trod.

COMBS

Vance Montgomery Combs was born September 5, 1874. He departed this life February 15, 1952 at the age of 78 years, 5 months and 10 days. He joined Oak Grove Baptist church April 2, 1905. He was married to Pearl Turner April 20, 1901 and unto this union were born eleven children, three having proceded him in death. He leaves his wife and eight children and a host of friends to mourn their loss. We believe our loss is his eternal gain. He attended his church regular as long as he was able. He taught Sunday School class for many years

and was well learned on the study of the Bible and his talk was on Spiritual things.

He bore his sickness with great patience, all was done for him that could be done yet the Lord knew best.

A place is vacant in our home which
Never can be filled.
His chair is vacant in our home,
A voice is stilled,
By W. W. Elliott.

CLARK

Donna Jane, daughter of Guy and Pauline Clark was born and died March 22, 1952.

Darling how we miss you while in Heaven you're at rest. Mother and father loved you but Jesus loved you best. We know that you're in Heaven up there with Him on high where you'll never have to suffer and never have to die.

Sometimes the cross is heavy and our burdens hard to bear, but if we live for Jesus we will meet you over there. Its hard to live without you while on earth we have to say. But we know that we will see you if we only watch and pray.

Written by Guy and Pauline Clark.

ELLER

Annie Louise Eller was born December 6, 1893 and departed this life April 12, 1952, making his stay on earth, 58 years, 4 months and 6 days.

She was the daughter of the late Robert and Matilda Howell. On August 6, 1910 she was married to Noah W. Eller. Unto this union were born 10 children of which 3 boys have proceeded her in death. She leaves husband, 6 boys, 1 girl, 20 grandchildren, 5 brothers, 2 sisters and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

In 1911, she professed a hope in Christ and joined Liberty Baptist church. She was baptized 3rd Sunday of May, 1911. In 1917 she become a member of St. Clairs Creek church then in 1932 she came into the organization of Baptist View church, Forest Hill, Maryland as a charter member. There she remained until death. She was a kind and true companion, a loving mother and a friend to all who knew her. She was always ready to lend a helping hand when needed.

The home has lost a tender loving mother, the church a faithful member; but we feel our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by Husband and Children.

ELLIOTT

Mary Jane (Ham) Elliatt, daughter of Isaac Ham, was born July 2, 1858 and departed this life March 30, 1952, making her stay on earth 93 years, 8 months and 28 days. She was married to Monroe Elliott when quite young and unto this union were born 8 children. Her husband and 3 children proceeded her in death. The following children survive to mourn their loss: Ambrose of Vonley, Va.; Isaac, Clifton; Maggie

Richardson and Callie Ham of Lansing and Wade Elliott of Ball, N. C. With 22 grandchildren, 50 great grandchildren, and 6 great great grandchildren. She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Mt. Zion church and lived a faithful member until death.

Her husband, Monroe Elliott was a minister of the Gospel. She was always willing for him to go to his churches to preach the Gospel and aided him in every way possible. She was loyal to her church in every way and supported it as well by her hospitatily in her home. We feel and know by her Christian life that our loss is her eternal gain. Weep not children for she is only gone to meet father on that bright shore and be at rest forever more.

Written by A. M. Shepherd.

ELLIOTT

Melvina Barr Elliott was born March 11, 1858 and died July 19, 1952 making her stay on earth 94 years, 4 months and 8 days. She was married to Rufus Elliott in the year 1879. Unto this union were born 8 children of which 6 are living and 2, Aley and Charley, having proceeded her in death. Those living are Joseph Elliott, Ball, N. C.; 5 daughters, Julia Elliott, Lansing; Eller Davis, Comet, N. C.; Della Hartsoe, Clifton; Ada Elliott and Maggie Elliott, Ball, N. C. She also leaves 10 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild, also 5 sisters. She professed a hope in Christ about 59 years ago and joined Mt. Zion Baptist church and remained a faithful member until death. She was a loving mother and grandmother and was kind to all who knew her. She loved to have her friends visit her and talk with her. She bore her sickness with patience until God saw fit to call her home.

She leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss, but we feel their loss is her eternal gain. Oh the old home looks so lonely, in the corner is a chair, no mother and grandmother with silver hair. We should not weep for her for she would say "Don't shed a tear, but all live for Jesus and come up here to live with me."

ELLIOTT

Andrew Elliott was born April 12, 1868 and departed this life May 15, 1952, making his stay on earth 84 years, 1 month, 3 days. He was married to Margaret Brown, who survives his passing away. He also leaves to mourn their loss the following children: Ray, Arthur, Lester, all of Sly, N. C. Ada Richardson and Wiley Elliott of Clifton; Fieldon of Smethport; Ida Roland of Jefferson; also 50 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren, 1 great great grandchild.

He professed faith in Christ in early life and united with Rich Valley church where he lived a faithful member until death. Although being sick for a number of years he bore his sickness with patience and always greeted his friends with a smile when they visited him. He often told his friends and love ones he was just waiting to be called to his Heavenly home. We feel our loss is his eternal gain.

By Lester Elliott.

HART

Lettie Mae Hart, the daughter of James and Bashie Hart, was born April 18, 1903. Departed this life September 3rd, 1952, making her stay on earth 49 years, 4 months and 15 days. She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined White Oak Baptist church in 1935 and lived a faithful member until death. She leaves one daughter, mother, three brothers, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. His father proceeded her in death about twelve years ago. She was sick for several months and bore her sickness with patience. We feel her suffering is all over and she is resting in Jesus until the resurrection morning when she can welcome her loved ones and friends home. Sister Lettie was a good neighbor and was loved by all who knew her. Weep not daughter, mother, loved ones and friends for we feel our loss is her eternal gain.

HUDLER

Rosa Etta Hudler, daughter of Nickles and Bethany Plummer, was born January 10, 1878 and departed this life April 28, 1952, age 74 years, 3 months and 17 days. She was married to James E. Hudler and unto this union were born 3 daughters, her husband and one daughter proceeded her in death.

She leaves 2 daughters, Mrs. Bill Venable and Mrs. Howard Church and 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren, all of Richmond, Va. and 3 sisters, Rebecca Eller of West Jefferson, N. C.; Rhoda Barton of Fox, Va. and Carie Blackburn of Crumpler, N. C. and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss, but we feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and united with Mt. Pleasant Chapel church to which she lived a faithful Christian life until God saw fit to call her home.

Where the angels feet have trod. O may your memory ever be a precious shining star to brighten our pathway and guide us where you are.

Written by a friend, Fay Pendergrass.

MILLER

Ada Miller was born April 27, 1902 and departed this life April 25, 1952, making her stay on earth 49 years, 11 months and 28 days.

She was married to Welze Miller, May 21, 1925 and unto this union was born one son, James Ralph Miller. She leaves son, 1 grandchild, mother, 3 brothers, 3 sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

Ada professed a hope in Christ and joined White Oak Baptist church in early life and remained a faithful member until death. We have often heard her say she was ready to go.

She was a kind and loving mother and was loved by all who knew her. We feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

PRICE

Oca Eller Price, daughter of Harvey and Alice Price, was born October 31, 1942 and departed this life August 23, 1952, making his stay on earth, 9 years, 9 months and 23 days.

She leaves to mourn their loss, father, mother and the following brothers and sisters: Merita, Sidney and Hilbish, also her grandmother Rebecca Center and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss. Weep not father, mother and friends, but prepare to meet her in Heaven.

RIDDLE

W. M. Riddle was born March 5, 1865, departed this life June 9, 1952, making his stay on earth, 87 years, 3 months and 3 days. Bill as he was called by his friends was married to Alice Hartsoe when young. Unto this union were born 6 children, 4 boys, 2 girls. One girl proceeded him in death. Those living are Oscar Riddle of Danville, Va.; Grey and Smith of Harlem, Montana; Lester of Libby, Montana; Mrs. Mae Shepherd of Clifton, N. C.; 16 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren. After many years his wife passed away and some years later he was married to Victory Miller, still living.

Bill professed faith in Christ in early life and united with Mt. Zion Baptist church, remaining a faithful member until death. He was a good neighbor, a kind friend. A loving husband and father. Bill had many friends. His way of making friends was by expressing his friendship by shaking hands and a smile. Vicky, don't grieve for companion, children don't grieve for father, but prepare to meet Bill again where we will never have to part. A loved one from us is gone, a voice we loved is still. A place is vacant in our home which can never be filled.

By Mrs. Worth Goss.

REEDY

Rezecca Jones Reedy was born October 24, 1886 and departed this life December 24, 1951, making her stay on earth, 65 years and 2 months. She was married to Eli Reedy in the year 1908 and to this union were born 6 children, 4 living. Her husband and 2 children preceeded her in death.

She professed faith in Christ in early life and joined the Missionary Baptist church and later joined the Fox Creek Baptist church then later in life having moved to Maryland she came into the organization of the charter members of Baptist View Baptist church and lived a faithful member until death. She was kind and good, always willing to lend a helping hand in time of trouble and sickness.

Dear sister, how I miss you but will meet you in Heaven where we shall part no more.

Written by her sister, Celia Krapf.

RASH

Roby Emmit Rash, son of Thomas and Jane Rash was born about 82 years ago. He deceased this life Jan. 15, 1952.

He was married to Angry Adams and unto this union was born one daughter, Pearl, after the death of his first wife he was married to Judy Jones, who also proceeded him in death.

He professed a hope in Christ many years ago and joined Three Top Baptist church and remained a faithful member until death. He leaves one daughter, Pearl, one brother, Lillard Rash and five sisters, Tisha Brown, Ades Shaw, Judy Rash, Lucy Roark and Bessie Rash and many relatives and friends mourn this loss. But we feel our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by Elder Coy Powers.

ROTEN

In loving memory of Nancy Emer Roten, daughter of James and Martha Roten, born August 23, 1886, departed this life November 7, 1950, making her stay on earth 64 years, 2 months and 15 days.

She leaves to mourn their loss, 1 brother, Troy Roten, two sisters, Mable Barnes, Myrtle Holcomb.

She professed a hope in Christ and united with Rich Valley church in 1918 and lived a faithful member until death. She was loved by all who knew her and her door was open to all.

She bore her sickness with patience always ready to talk of the loving savior. I can not say that she is dead. She is just sleeping and left us dreaming how very fair it needs be since she lingers there. Think of her living on as dear in the love there as the love here.

Written by her brother.

SHEETS

Ollie Sheets was born August 14, 1885, departed this life September 10, 1952, making his stay on earth, 67 years and 27 days. He was married to Elizabeth Miller, December 22, 1903 and to this union were born 9 children, four of which proceeded him in death, five living. Mrs. Laura Wyatt of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Joseph Tobiar Sheets of Maryland; Mrs. Leffie Devoe of Maryland; Mrs. Ethel Stine of Maryland; Mrs. Mamonie Lester of Maryland. He leaves 12 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren to mourn their loss.

He professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Poplar Cove church and remained there until death. He was a kind and loving husband and father. He was loved by all who knew him. We feel that our loss is his eternal gain. Children remember fathers prayers and prepare to meet him in Heaven. Interment was in Baptist View cemetery. Service was conducted by Elders Arch Pruitt and Brother James Bartlebough and Emmit Petty.

By Arch J. Pruitt.

WYATT

Rhoda Alice Miller Wyatt was born May 10, 1868 and departed this life June 9, 1952, making her stay on earth 84 years and 29 days.

She was married to Elihu Wyatt in the year of 1886 unto this union were born 13 children of which 4 have proceeded her in death and 9 living, Burton, Walter, Lester, Luther, Rhuda, Conley, Mrs. Jesse Day, Mrs. Kelly Coyart, Mrs. Green Blevins, and 42 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren, 1 brother, David Miller, lots of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined the Sabbath Home Methodist church and later moved his membership to New Hope Baptist church and lived a faithful member until death. She was a kind and loving mother and bore her sickness with patience. Weep not children and relatives for she said she was going home. Prepare to meet her some sweet day.

Written by Mrs. Robert Day.

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MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Mountain Union Baptist Association

Composed of Messengers From The Regular Baptist Churches In Our Union

Convened Wtih

RICH VALLEY REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 4, 5, 1953

ELDER JAMES BARKER, Moderator — Troutdale, Va.

E. W. STANSBERRY, Clerk — Lansing, N. C.

The Next Session Of The Association Will Convene With New Bridge Church, 1 Mile From Rising Sun, Maryland, On The Harrisville Road on Friday And Saturday Before The First Lord's Day In September, 1954.

Introductory Sermon By Elder E. R. McClure, Helton, N. C.; Alternate, Elder Archie Pruitt, Darlington, Maryland.

A BAPTIST CHURCH

By a Baptist Church in the document is meant such a Baptist Church as avowedly believes and distinctly teaches among other Bible tenets the following: The essential diety of Jesus Christ, the full inspiration and authority of the Bible as the written Word of God, the absolute necessity of regeneration; salvation by grace through faith in Christ's atoning blood; scriptural baptism and membership in a Baptist church as orderly and essential prerequisities to communion at the Lord's Supper as observed among Baptist.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.
2. We believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.
5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
7. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and Feet-Washings are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances and we believe the only mode of baptism is by immersion.
8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; and that the joys of the righteous; and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the hand of the Presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at the time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is done speaking.
4. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on any person who spoke, by making remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall state fairly the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
5. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from the Association for his absence.

6. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sittings of same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

8. No member of the Association shall address another by any appelation except that of brother.

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violates the Rules of Decorum.

10. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the Association shall request.

11. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote unless Association be equally divided, then he may give the deciding vote.

12. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be known by the name of Mountain Union Baptist Association and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union and duly sent to represent the Association, who, on producing letters shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates; in their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letters, by application; dismissed by letter, excluded, and dead since last Association.

Article 2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have an ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any eternal right over any church in her Union.

Article 3. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular decorum.

Article 4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually by a majority vote of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

Article 5. New churches or any Baptist church of our faith and order, in good standing, either dismissed by letter from sister associations or by application by sending up letters and delegates shall be admitted into the Union.

Article 6. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

Article 7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Article 8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of its proceedings. The best method of accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Associations.

Article 9. We think it necessary to have an Associational Fund to defray the expenses of the Association. And it's the duty of each church in the Union to contribute sums as they think proper to the Association and these moneys shall be deposited with the treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

Article 10. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

Article 11. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

Article 12. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they deem it expedient, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

Article 13. The Association shall act as advisory counsel and shall endeavor to preserve a general Union among the churches, and give advice in matters of difficulty.

Article 14. The Association shall inquire into the cause, if any church fails at any time to be represented in the Association.

Article 15. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

Article 16. The Association may correspond with sister Associations and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing who may be of our faith and order, to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting

Article 17. The Association shall have the power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

Article 18. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain the same as they may choose.

CHURCH CONVENANT

We do now, in the presence of Almighty God and in the faith of the Gospel and by the present help of Divine Grace unitedly give ourselves to God Almighty, father, son and Holy Ghost. To be for Him and no other, freely submitting ourselves to Him, to be at His disposal, that He may be glorified by us and through us. We agree to take the Bible as our only rule of faith and practice, regarding the Old Testament as containing the Ordinances of the Old Dispensation and New Testament as containing the Ordinances of the New Dispensation. We agree to contend earnestly both by precept and example for the whole of that faith which Christ has once for all delivered to His saints. That we will strive together for the support of a faithful evangelical ministry among us and through life amid

evil report and good report seek to live to the Glory of Him, who hast called us out of darkness into the marvelous light, having given ourselves unto Him, we freely and joyfully give ourselves unto one another by the will of God and bearing each other's burdens, participating in each other's joys, that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect the great duty of prayer for ourselves and for others.

That we will endeavor to bring up such as may at any time be under our care in the nature and admonition of the Lord. We engage to watch over each other in love and to hold communion together in all the ordinances of the Gospel. Submitting ourselves to the discipline which Christ requires in His church. Searching His word and praying for His spirit that we may increase in knowledge and in joy a clear manifestation of the Ministry of Godliness and of the Glory of His Kingdom, continually looking and waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever, Amen.

Proceedings

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1953

The Mountain Union Baptist Association of Regular Churches met in session with Rich Valley Church, September 4, 1953.

Services were opened by Elder E. R. McClure, by reading the 5th Chapter of Paul's Letter to the Corinthians and Elder S. L. Hart offering prayer.

Introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Earl Sexton. Text: 3rd verse of Jude and Elder James Barker making a nice talk.

After an intermission, the messengers reassembled in the house for transaction of business.

The association was opened by Elder Conley Wyatt, by reading 15 verses of 14th Chapter of St. John and talking some and Elder Earl Richardson offering prayer.

The Moderator called for the Associational letters. There were 19 received and read by E. W. Stansberry, Clerk, and Brother A. M. Shepherd.

The Moderator, Elder James Barker, seated the Messengers for the transaction of business.

On motion and approval, they proceeded to elect a moderator and clerk by private ballot.

The moderator appointed Elders J. S. Evans, Joseph Woods, and Bro. Walter Brown as tellers

The tellers reported Elder James Barker as Moderator and E. W. Stansberry as Clerk.

On motion and approval the report was received and the tellers discharged.

On motion and approval it was decided to give the moderator authority to publish an open door for the reception of new churches of our faith and order. None responded.

On motion and approval corresponding brethern of our faith and order were invited to sit with us. The Little River Association came forward and ask for seats with us were as follows: Elders Bert Anders, J. S. Evans and Brothers John M. Tucker and Willie Wyatt.

A letter from Mt. Zion Association was received and the following seated: Elders Joseph Woods, Everette Marrs and Bro. Ed Hurley and Tarvin Steele.

On motion and approval the moderator called for Brethern of our faith and order desiring seats with us. Those that responded were: Elders Archie Pruitt, S. L. Hart, Conley Wyatt, and Brothers W. H. Sexton, James Roberts, Emmitt Petty, Gaither Jones, Dallas Phillips, Willie Barker, Marvin Brackin, Clarence Roland and Elders Luther Powers, Edward Hart, G. G. Carpenter, Smith Roberts.

Ministry: Frank Perry, Rowie McNeill, Fred Miller and Rich Valley Church.

On motion and approval the moderator was invested with the authority to make temporary appointments of the association. Where upon he appointed the following:

Temperance: Norman Carpenter, S. L. Barker, Melvin Poe.

Resolutions: George Eller, G. C. Delp, A. M. Shepherd.
Finance: George Campbell, Kermit Jones, Willard Hart.
Sabbath Schools: Coy Powers, E. R. McClure, Hilary Lewis.
Arrangements: Charlie Stims, James Barker, E. W. Stansberry, Lee Campbell, Earl Sexton, Jim Reed, Fred Weaver, and corresponding brethern.
Obituaries: Earl Richardson, Noah Eller, E. W. Stansberry.

The Moderator appointed A. M. Shepherd to write a letter to the Little River Association. The moderator appointed Frank Perry to write a letter to the Mt. Zion Association.

The committee on Ministry reports preaching at 8:00 o'clock Friday night, Elders E. L. Barker opens services and Archie Pruitt to preach. Saturday morning, Elders Edward Hart opens service and G. C. Delp to preach. Saturday afternoon, G. C. Delp opens service and Bert Anders to preach. Saturday night, G. G. Carpenter to open service and E. E. Woods to preach. Sunday morning, Elders Earl Sexton to open service, and J. S. Evans, Joe Woods, and James Barker to preach.

On motion and approval, the association adjourned until Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

The session was closed by Elder Bert Anders, by talking some and singing, "Tis The Old Time Religion," and offering prayer.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1953

The association met in a devotional service before the moderator called the association to order by singing a number of songs and Elder Joseph Woods opened the service by reading four verses of the 9th chapter of Romans and making a nice talk and singing, "How Firm A Foundation," and offering prayer and then singing, "Amazing Grace," and G. C. Delp offering prayer.

The association was called to order by the moderator and Elder J. S. Evans singing "Amazing Grace" and offering prayer.

The roll of messengers was read by the Clerk. The committee on arrangements reports a bill of items.

On motion and approval, the bill was received and the committee discharged and the items taken up as listed.

The minutes of the session held September 4th were read and approved, granting the clerk authority to make any needed corrections. The Rules of Decorum were read.

On motion and approval, corresponding brethern of our faith and order were invited to sit with us. N. H. Barker.

The corresponding brethern appointed the last association to visit Little River Association. Reported they went and found that they were yet contending for faith and was in peace and in the spirit and had the best association they had had in years. On motion, we received the report and discharged the committee.

The corresponding brethern appointed to visit Mt. Zion Association reported they went and they were in peace and love and contending for the faith. On motion and approval we received the report and discharged the committee.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on resolutions, recommend to our churches of our association that we contend for a higher standard of religion than that of worldly society, so we should be careful in our church work and worship and we also advise our churches to contend for the old way and practice that our association was organized on and be careful in our church work that we don't invite trouble or disorderly people into our church work.

We also advise our churches to stand against intoxicating drinks as a beverage, for it is against the cause of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and is destroying our young people and sending souls to torment. We further advise our churches to stand against all who encourage worldly amusements that be a stumbling block in our churches. We advise our churches to stand against bodies or churches or preachers who went off in disorder, or preachers that are not of our faith and practice that are causing trouble among our churches and not receive their work into our churches.

Resolved, that we advise our churches and ministers to strictly contend for the articles of faith and Orthodox principles of God's word in precept and practice.

Committee, G. C. Delp, George Eller, A. M. Shepherd. On motion and approval, and after being discussed by Coy Powers, G. W. Campbell, C. L. Barker, Charlie Stines, James Barker, Norman Carpenter, the report was received and the committee discharged.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following: We advise all our churches in our union to organize and maintain Sabbath schools. We further advise our preachers and deacons to try to influence our churches to have Sabbath Schools as we see it is falling away in most of our churches. We advise our churches not to use anyone out of their body for their officers and teachers and to use the Bible for their text book. We believe it is our duty to teach the young generation the word of The Lord that they might know the duty that they owe to God, for many false teachers have already come. Committee, E. R. McClure, Coy Powers, Hillary Lewis.

On motion and approval and after being discussed by Elders Coy Powers, E. R. McClure, George Campbell, James Barker, the report was received and the committee discharged.

TEMPERANCE

Committee on temperance reported and advised we use the one printed last year and upon motion and approval, was decided to adopt the report we had and have it printed.

We advise all our churches in our union to be temperate in all things, and to abstain from strong drink which is deterimental to the cause of Christ and His Kindgom. We should be temperate in our everyday walks of life and speech, es-

pecially preaching of the Gospel. Rev. 22-18-19, for to testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book. If any man shall add unto these things God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of life and out of the holy city and from things that are written in this book. Therefore brethern add to temperance, patience, Godliness, and in so doing these things, we shall neither be barren nor unfruitful.

Committee: C. L. Barker, Norman Carpenter, Melvin Poe.

On motion and approval we received the report and discharged the committee.

OBITUARIES

Committee on obituaries report the following eleven individual obituaries were received to be printed in the minutes.

On motion and approval, the report was received to be printed in the minutes and discharged the committee.

Committee: Earl Richardson, Noah Eller, E. W. Stansberry.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1952 AND 1953

Finance Committee	$167.80
Balance in Treasury	202.00
Total	$369.80
Paid Skyland Post for 1000 Minutes	$ 87.90
Donated Moderator	15.00
Donated Clerk	25.00
Postage	5.45
Having Associational Letters Printed	7.50
Total	$140.85
Balance in Treasury	$228.95

E. W. Stansberry, Secretary and Treasurer

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Committee on finance reports the following:

Baptist View	$ 20.00
Beech Creek	2.50
Covenant	4.10
Flat Grove	5.00
Fox Creek	10.00
Laurel Hill	3.50
Liberty	6.00
Mt. Zion	6.25
Mt. Pleasant Chapel	10.35
New Hope	5.77
New Bethel	5.50
New Bridge	20.00
Oak Grove	11.62
Pine Grove	10.00
Rich Valley	6.00
Silas Creek	10.75

St. Clairs Creek	10.00
Three Top	6.00
White Oak	15.00
Total	$158.34

Committee: G. W. Campbell, Kermit Jones, Willard Hart.

On motion and approval, the report was received and the committee discharged, and E. W. Stansberry appointed secretary and treasurer and authorized to have 1000 minutes printed for the churches and was donated $25.00 for his services, and on motion and approval, the moderator was donated $15.00 for his services.

Report of committee appointed to write corresponding letters. A letter was read by E. W. Stansberry to the Little River Association and on motion and approval it was received and the committee discharged and the following appointed to The Little River Association: C. L. Barker, N. H. Barker, Coy Powers, E. R. McClure, Earl Sexton, Earl Richardson, Edward Hart, James Barker.

A letter was read by E. W. Stansberry to Mt. Zion Association and on motion and approval, it was received, and the committee discharged, and the following appointed to the Mt. Zion Association. V. C. Patrick, Coy Powers, G. G. Carpenter, Earl Richardson, Earl Sexton, James Barker, and L. C. Greer.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ASSOCIATION

On motion and approval the next session of the Association will convene with New Bridge Church on Friday and Saturday before the first Lord's Day in September 1954.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

On motion, the Association extended its heartfelt thanks to the Rich Valley Church and community at large for the loving care during the association.

THE INTRODUCTORY SERMON

The introductory sermon will be delivered by Elder E. R. McClure and alternate, Elder Archie Pruitt.

The minutes of the session held September 5, were read and approved, granting the clerk authority to make any needed corrections.

James Barker, Moderator. E. W. Stansberry, Clerk.

They made up a collection for the moderator, Elder James Barker to help pay his hospital expenses where he had been confined for several days to which they donated freely and amounted in donations to $96.00.

On motion and approval, we adjourned until Friday and Saturday before the first Lord's Day in September 1954, at New Bridge Church.

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 6, 1953

Due to rain, services were held in the Church house, except Elder Coy Powers preached for part of the people, who couldn't get in the house, after the rain ceased, for a short time.

The service in the house was opened by Elder Earl Sexton by reading 28th chapter of Genises and preaching a good sermon and Elder C. L. Barker offering prayer.

1st sermon was delivered by Elder Joseph Woods. Text was 7th verse through chapter - 2nd chapter of John. The second sermon was delivered by Elder J. S. Evans, Text 23-24 verses, 4th chapter St. John.

Last sermon, by Elder James Barker, Text. Verses not given. 5th chapter 1st book Corinthians.

All sermons were delivered with great power from on high and the spirit came down in great power and every christian seemed happy.

ROLL OF MESSENGERS

Baptist View — N. W. Eller, Roby Roland, George Eller.
Beach Creek — Charlie Stines, Ray Guy, Mike Ward.
Covenant — F. M. Perry, V. C. Patrick, Norman Carpenter.
Flat Grove — Hillary Lewis, Tom Furches.
Fox Creek — James Barker, C. L. Barker, Lee Campbell.
Laurel Hill — G. W. Campbell, E. E. Woods, Robert Campbell.
Liberty — Kermit Jones, Thomas Darnell.
Mt. Zion — Millard Elliott, Smith Greer, A. M. Shepherd.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel — E. R. McClure, Thelmus Blevins, Claude Stuart.
New Hope — Fred Weaver, Vail Perry, Eli Blevins.
New Bethel — Wayne Miller, Luther Hart.
New Bridge — G. C. Delp, John Brackins, John Delp.
Oak Grove — Howard Rhodes, Jones McNeill, Bluford Elliott.
Pine Grove — Albert Francis, Fred Miller.
Rich Valley — Claude Calhoun, Delmer Roten, James Brown.
Silas Creek — Coy Powers, Earl Sexton, Earl Richardson.
St. Clairs Creek — W. E. Brown, Melvin Poe, E. S. Denny.
Three Top — J. C. Reid, Dellet Cantes, W. M. Miller.
White Oak — Willard Hart, Tivis Darnell, E. W. Stansberry.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

Barker, James ..... Troutdale, Virginia
Barker, C. L. ..... Troutdale, Virginia
Campbell, G. W. ..... Grayson, North Carolina
Carpenter, G. G. ..... Grayson, North Carolina
Carpenter, Norman ..... Lansing, North Carolina
Darnell, Thomas ..... Silas Creek, North Carolina
Delp, G. C. ..... Rising Sun, Maryland
Graham, John ..... Husk, North Carolina
Hart, S. L. ..... Chilhowie, Virginia
Hart, W. W. ..... Tuckerdale, North Carolina
Hart, Edward ..... Lansing, North Carolina

Howell, G. J. ..... Sturgills, North Carolina
Hicks, Howard ..... Beech Creek, North Carolina
Jones, H. H. ..... Forest Hill, Maryland
McClure, E. R. ..... Helton, North Carolina
Mink, Batty ..... Meadowview, Virginia
Powers, Coy ..... Grassy Creek, North Carolina
Powers, Luther ..... Lansing, North Carolina
Patrick, V. C. ..... Bluefield, West Virginia
Pruitt, Archie ..... Darlington, Maryland
Richardson, Earl ..... Grassy Creek, North Carolina
Rhodes, Dewey ..... Aberdeen, Maryland
Roberts, Smith ..... Lansing, North Carolina
Sapp, W. O. ..... Elk Creek, Virginia
Sexton, Earl ..... Grassy Creek, North Carolina
Stuart, Rufus ..... Grassy Creek, North Carolina
Testerman, Avery ..... Grassy Creek, North Carolina
Woods, E. E. ..... Fig, North Carolina
Wyatt, Conley ..... Grayson, North Carolina

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF LICENSED MINISTERS

Absher, Emsley ..... Grassy Creek, North Carolina
Brown, James ..... Smethport, North Carolina
Bartlebough, James ..... Forest Hill, Maryland
Barr, Joe ..... Chilhowie, Virginia
Barrett, Bennie ..... Roanoke, Virginia
Brackins, Marvin ..... Darlington, Maryland
Campbell, Conley ..... Fig, North Carolina
Carter, B. M. ..... Chilhowie, Virginia
Eller, N. W. ..... Peach Bottom, Pennsylvania
Powers, Basil ..... Lansing, North Carolina
Phillips, Dallas ..... Meadowview, Virginia
Petty, Emmitt ..... Darlington, Maryland
Rhoads, Dale ..... Aberdeen, Maryland
Sawyers, W. R. ..... Saltville, Virginia

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Oak Grove — No. officers, 2. No. teachers, 5. No. pupils enrolled, 73. Average attendance, 61.

Three Top — No. officers, 2. No. teachers, 4. No. pupils enrolled, 75. Average attendance, 40.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Baptist View — Dewey Rhoads, H. H. Jones, Archie Pruitt.
Beech Creek — G. G. Carpenter, Conley Wyatt.
Covenant — E. E. Woods, Norman Carpenter.
Flat Grove — G. G. Carpenter, E. E. Woods.
Fox Creek — Earl Richardson, James Barker, C. L. Barker.
Laurel Hill — E. E. Woods, Conley Wyatt.
Liberty — Earl Sexton, Earl Richardson.
Mt. Zoin — Conley Wyatt, G. G. Carpenter, Edward Hart.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel — E. R. McClure, Coy Powers, Earl Sexton.
New Hope — Earl Sexton, Norman Carpenter, Edward Hart.
New Bethel — Earl Richardson, Earl Sexton.

New Bridge — G. C. Delp, Archie Pruitt, Dewey Rhoads.
Oak Grove — E. R. McClure and Earl Sexton.
Pine Grove — E. R. McClure, Coy Powers, Earl Richardson, Smith Roberts.
Rich Valley — Coy Powers, Luther Powers.
Silas Creek — E. E. Woods, E. R. McClure.
St. Clairs Creek — C. L. Barker, E. R. McClure.
Three Top — Coy Powers, Earl Sexton.
White Oak — W. W. Hart, James Barker, Edward Hart, Earl Sexton.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Baptist View — George Eller ..... Rising Sun, Maryland
Beech Creek — Coy Stines ..... Whaley, North Carolina
Covenant — L. C. Greer ..... Grayson, North Carolina
Flat Grove — Mabel Lewis ..... Smethport, North Carolina
Fox Creek — Greek Walton ..... Troutdale, Virginia
Laurel Hill — Conley Campbell .... Grayson, North Carolina
Liberty — Zenna Blevins ..... Lansing, North Carolina
Mt. Zion — A. M. Shepherd ..... Lansing, North Carolina
Mt. Pleasant Chapel — Alene Turner ..... Crumpler, N. C.
New Hope — Eli Blevins ..... Whitetop, Virginia
New Bethel — L. L. Wilcox ..... Husk, North Carolina
New Bridge — Emmit Petty ..... Darlington, Maryland
Oak Grove — Thomas Elliott ... Smethport, North Carolina
Pine Grove — J. T. Reedy .... Warrensville, North Carolina
Rich Valley — Glen Elliott ..... Fig, North Carolina
Silas Creek — W. H. Sexton ..... Lansing, North Carolina
St. Clairs Creek — E. S. Denny ..... Chilhowie, Virginia
Three Top — W. A. Lewis ..... Todd, North Carolina
White Oak — Paul Hart ..... Lansing, North Carolina

TIME OF COMMUNION FOR EACH CHURCH

Baptist View ..... First Sunday in August
Beech Creek ..... First Sunday in August
Covenant ..... Second Sunday in July
Flat Grove ..... Third Sunday in June
Fox Creek ..... Second Sunday in July
Laurel Hill ..... First Sunday in August
Liberty ..... Third Sunday in August
Mt. Pleasant Chapel ..... Second Sunday in August
Mt. Zion ..... Second Sunday in August
New Bethel ..... First Sunday in July
New Hope ..... Fourth Sunday in August
New Bridge ..... Second Sunday in August
Oak Grove ..... First Sunday in August
Pine Grove ..... Third Sunday in July
Rich Valley ..... Fourth Sunday in June
St. Clairs Creek ..... Fourth Sunday in July
Silas Creek ..... On Sunday After 4th Saturday in July
Three Top ..... First Sunday in August
White Oak ..... Third Sunday in July

STATISTICAL TABLE

	Sunday	No. Ordained Ministers	No. Licensed Ministers	Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Received by Application	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. Males	No. Females	
Baptist View	1	3	4	8		1				1	88	112	200
Beech Creek	4	2		2							11	13	24
Covenant	2	4									11	22	33
Flat Grove	3										13	17	30
Fox Creek	2	2				1				2	41	62	103
Laurel Hill	1	2	1	2				1	1		19	28	47
Liberty	3	3		3							22	43	65
Mt. Pleasant Chapel	2	1	1	1	2			1			25	47	72
Mt. Zion	2			1				2	2	1	14	40	54
New Bethel	1	1						1			12	35	47
New Hope	4							1	2	1	12	30	42
New Bridge	2	1	1			1					27	31	58
Oak Grove	1			1				1			30	48	78
Pine Grove	3			1				1		1	34	74	108
Rich Valley	4	1	1	11	1	3					22	40	62
Silas Creek	4	5	1	2	1			2			40	89	129
St. Clairs Creek	4	2	5							1	36	79	115
Three Top	1	1		5	1					1	55	112	167
White Oak	3	2		1	1					1	19	72	91
TOTAL	47	30	14	38	6	6		10	5	9	531	994	

Obituaries

BRACKINS

In the early silent hours of morning, God sent an angel to carry home the soul of a dear mother and beloved friend.

America Jane Brackins was born October 5, 1881, and died May 30, 1953, God having permitted her to stay on earth 71 years, seven months and 25 days. She was a daughter of the late Calvin and Letta Turnmire. She was married in 1907 to Amos Brackins, who preceeded her in death several years ago. Surviving are her two daughters, Mrs. Letta Maye and Mrs. Jean Wingler, of Nathan's Creek; 7 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Rufus Turnmire and Alison Turnmire and a host of relatives and friends. Three children preceded her to the great beyond. It can be said for her that she was a good mother. No one could ever be more sacrificing than she. She was a good neighbor, honest, truthful and kind and was loved and respected by all who came to know her.

In early life she professed a hope in God and united with Warrensville church. Becoming dissatisfied with her christian life, she again consecrated her soul to the most high God, willing that he take her hand and lead her on. During her sickness, she told her children she was ready to go.

DIXON

John Edward Dixon was born July 6, 1901 and departed this life, February 27, 1953, making his stay on earth, 51 years, seven months and 21 days. He was married to Ocie Miller, August 27, 1928. Unto this union was born three children. One preceded him in death. He leaves his wife and two children and a host of friends to mourn their loss. He professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined New Hope Baptist church several years ago. He was ordained in the ministry work, was faithful to his calling 'till Jesus called him home to ever be with him.

A dear one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still;
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

Thou art gone, our precious father and companion; never more will we see thy face until we meet you over the river in that happy dwelling place.

ELLER

Clarence Henry Eller, son of Noah and the late Annie Howell Eller, was born January 10, 1920, and departed this life, April 5, 1953, making his stay on earth 33 years, two months and 26 days.

In March, 1941, he was married to Dorothy Mae McComsey. Unto this union were born three children, Charlotte, 10; Leslie, 9, and Lucille, 15 months.

In 1939 he joined Baptist View church and remained a

faithful member until death. In addition to his wife, children and father, he leaves five brothers, one sister and a host of friends nd relatives to mourn their loss.

For the past three years, he had had failing health. The past six months he was confined to his bed with leukemia, which caused his death.

Written by Mrs. William Sheets.

ELLIOTT

Franklin Drury Elliott, son of George and Essie Elliott, was born April 30, 1934, and departed this life July 26, 1953, making his stay on earth 19 years, two months and 26 days.

He leaves to mourn their loss, besides his father and mother, the following brothers and sisters: Elzie, Worth, Claude, Julia Mae and Mrs. Warren Powers, of Lansing, N. C.; Pvt. Wayne Elliott, of the Army; and Mrs. Carl Ellis, of Pennsylvania, and a host of friends and relatives.

He was a kind, loving and obedient son to his family, and loved by all who knew him. His presence at home will be sadly missed by all.

In our hearts your memory will linger, always tender, fond and true;

There is not a day, dear Franklin, that we will not think of you.

BETSY ANN (BARR) ELLIOTT

Betsy Ann (Barr) Elliott, was the daughter of Absolom and Ann Barr. She was born February 23, 1869, and departed this life December 18, 1952, making her stay on earth, eighty-three years, nine months and twenty-five days.

She was married to Melvin Elliott at the age of seventeen. Her husband preceeded her in death twenty-six years ago.

Unto this union were born eight children, of whom seven survive: Charlie, Millard, James and Willie, all of Ball; Iron, of Childs, Maryland and two daughters, Emma Mitchell, of Winter Haven, Florida, and Essie Elliott, of Lansing.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and was baptised into the fellowship of Mt. Zion church and lived a faithful member unto death.

She leaves to mourn her passing besides her children, twenty-seven grandchildren, twenty-four great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, and four sisters, a host of relatives and friends.

Her voice was gladly heard at church and home,
Her light was shining clear;
She loved the right and shunned the wrong,
And proved her God was near.
Love is the sweetest bud that blooms,
It's beauty never dies;
On earth among the saints it grows,
And ripens in the skies.

HART

John M. Hart was born March 8, 1870, and died November 4, 1952. Survived by his wife, Mrs. Minnie Lee Hart, of Witcher, three sons, W. G. of Dunbar, Haines, of Lexington Park, Maryland and John M., Jr., of Ward. Mrs. Romeo Lynn, Mrs. Robert Young and Mrs. George H. Weaver, all of Witcher and Mrs. Homer Rider, of Louisville, Kentucky; two brothers, Ira Hart, of Lansing, and Wells Hart, of Tuckerdale.

Services were held at Witcher Baptist Church.

Clergyman, Rev. T. D. Taler.

OSBORNE

Oley Virginia Barr Osborne, was born June 16, 1866, and departed this life April 11, 1953, making her stay on earth 86 years, nine months and 25 days. She was married to Dock Osborne at the age of 18, and to this union were born two children, Arthur and Verda Eldreth, both of Lansing, and seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren and three sisters living.

Oley was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed in this community.

She said when she was gone, we would know she had gone to live with Jesus. Oley had no fear of death. A loving hand was near to guide her across the River and drive away all fear. While our loss seems so great, we feel it is her eternal gain, so let us pray to meet her in the home of the Blest, where parting will be no more.

Written by Della Wiles.

PENNINGTON

Dewey Pennington, son of E. C. and Elizabeth Pennington, was born July 3, 1900, and departed this life March 27, 1953, making his stay on earth 52 years, seven months and seven days. He was married to Laura Seats, November 16, 1926, and to this union were born three children, Thelma, Betty and one son, Bud. His father, and daughter, Thelma, and one brother and one sister preceeded him in death. He leaves his mother, one sister, and three brothers and a host of relatives to mourn their loss.

He professed a hope in Christ in early life and united with St. Clairs Creek Baptist church and lived a faithful member until death.

Laura, don't grieve for companion, children, don't grieve for father, but prepare to meet Dewey again where we will never have to part.

A loved one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still:
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

Written by A Friend.

ROTEN

Ennis Roten was born February 28, 1875. She was called to rest December 4, 1952, making her stay on earth 75 years, nine months and four days. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Pruitt. Ennis first married E. L. Riley in 1926. After a few years, he passed away, and later she married Jack Roten, who lived only a few years, she soon was married to Henry Roten, on April 9, 1941.

She leaves her husband, one sister, Mrs. Hattie Sawyer, and many relatives and friends to mourn her going. Ennis professed a hope in Christ in early life and united with Pine Grove church, where she remained a faithful member until God called her home, but we feel our loss is her eternal gain. She was afflicted a long time, but bore her suffering with patience always looking forward to a brighter day. All was done for her that loving hands could do. Ennis was a good wife, neighbor and she greeted friends with a smile.

She often talked of going to church and her conversations were on heavenly things.

Dear auntie is just waiting inside of Heaven's door,
We know that you are happy and will never die no more;
You're a loved one gone to be with Jesus, on a robe of white,
You are waiting for our coming where the roses never fade.

Written by her nieces, Mrs. Clyde Testerman,
Mrs. Claude Goss.

SULLIVAN

Mrs. Margaret Weaver Sullivan departed this life September 9, 1951, at 4:50 p. m. after an illness of eight weeks. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Weaver, of White Top, Virginia and was born on November 15, 1873. She was married to McDaniel Sullivan, April, 1896, and to this union were born seven boys and six girls. Of this union, only one has preceeded her in death, whose name was Lillie.

She is survived by her husband and the following sons and daughters: William, Jewel Ridge, Virginia; Lester, Bel Air, Maryland; Winfield and Wiley, Marion, Virginia; Millard, Johnston City, Tennessee; Luther, Portsmouth, Virginia; Edward, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Alice Deloach, Farmville, Virginia; Mrs. Ines Schach, Clinchburg, Virginia; Mrs. Catherine Walton, Chilhowie, Virginia; Mrs. Betty Grindstaff, and Mrs. Pearl Holdaway, Marion, Virginia. She is also survived by two brothers, Grant and Winfield Weaver, of Whitetop, Virginia.

She has thirty-eight living grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Sullivan has been a faithful and lone-life Christian of the Fox Creek Union Baptist Church.

Dear Mom, this life you've departed,
Tho we'll miss you O'er and O'er;
But may your living moments give our lives to the God you trusted;
And be ready to meet you and Little Lillie,
Around God's shining Throne.

SAWYERS'

Wanda Sue and Wilma Lee Sawyers, twins of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Sawyers, were born April 25, 1950, and departed this life February 27, 1952, making their stay on earth about two years.

They leave their father and mother, six brothers and two sisters, who are Sam, Wade, Junior, Joseph, Franklin, Louise and Nancy, and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. We know our loss is Heaven's gain.

Jesus said, "Suffer The Little Children, and forbid them not to come unto the Kingdom of Heaven." They were only little sunbeams that brightened the home for awhile Then they were carried out to leave the home so lonely and sad.

Let us all live for Jesus while on this earth we dwell,
Then we can go meet our little children,
Where there will be no more farewells.

Written by Clyde Testerman.

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Composed of Messengers From The Regular Baptist Churches In Our Union

Convened With

NEW BRIDGE REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 3, 1954

ELDER JAMES BARKER, Moderator ..... Troutdale, Va.

E. W. STANSBERRY, Clerk ..... Lansing, N. C.

The Next Session Of The Association Will Convene With Mt. Zion Church, 7 Miles From Lansing, North Carolina On Friday and Saturday Before The First Lord's Day In September, 1955.

Introductory Sermon By Elder Archie Pruitt, Darlington, Md.; Alternate, Elder C. L. Barker, Troutdale, Va.

A BAPTIST CHURCH

By a Baptist Church in the document is meant such a Baptist Church as avowedly believes and distinctly teaches among other Bible tenets the following: The essential diety of Jesus Christ, the full inspiration and authority of the Bible as the written Word of God, the absolute necessity of regeneration; salvation by grace through faith in Christ's atoning blood; scriptural baptism and membership in a Baptist church as orderly and essential prerequisities to communion at the Lord's Supper as observed among Baptist.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.
2. We believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's importency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.
5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
7. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and Feet-Washings are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances and we believe the only mode of baptism is by immersion.
8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; and that the joys of the righteous; and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the hand of the Presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at the time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is done speaking.
4. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on any person who spoke, by making remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall state fairly the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
5. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from the Association for his absence.
6. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
7. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of

laughing during the sittings of same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

8. No member of the Association shall address another by any appelation except that of brother.

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violates the Rules of Decorum.

10. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the Association shall request.

11. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote unless Association be equally divided, then he may give the deciding vote.

12. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be known by the name of Mountain Union Baptist Association and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union and duly sent to represent the Association, who, on producing letters shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates; in their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letters, by application; dismissed by letter, excluded, and dead since last Association.

Article 2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have an ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any eternal right over any church in her Union.

Article 3. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular decorum.

Article 4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually by a majority vote of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

Article 5. New churches or any Baptist church of our faith and order, in good standing, either dismissed by letter from sister associations or by application by sending up letters and delegates shall be admitted into the Union.

Article 6. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

Article 7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Article 8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of its proceedings. The best method of accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Associations.

Article 9. We think it necessary to have an Associational Fund to defray the expenses of the Association. And it's the duty of each church in the Union to contribute sums as they think proper to the Association and these moneys shall be deposited with the treasurer who shall be accountable to the

Association for the same and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

Article 10. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

Article 11. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

Article 12. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they deem it expedient, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

Article 13. The Association shall act as advisory counsel and shall endeavor to preserve a general Union among the churches, and give advice in matters of difficulty.

Article 14. The Association shall inquire into the cause, if any church fails at any time to be represented in the Association.

Article 15. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

Article 16. The Association may correspond with sister Associations and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing who may be of our faith and order, to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

Article 17. The Association shall have the power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

Article 18. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain the same as they may choose.

CHURCH CONVENANT

We do now, in the presence of Almighty God and in the faith of the Gospel and by the present help of Divine Grace unitedly give ourselves to God Almighty, father, son and Holy Ghost. To be for Him and no other, freely submitting ourselves to Him, to be at His disposal, that He may be glorified by us and through us. We agree to take the Bible as our only rule of faith and practice, regarding the Old Testament as containing the Ordinances of the Old Dispensation and New Testament as containing the Ordinances of the New Dispensation. We agree to contend earnestly both by precept and example for the whole of that faith which Christ has once for all delivered to His saints. That we will strive together for the support of a faithful evangelical ministry among us and through life amid evil report and good report seek to live to the Glory of Him, who hast called us out of darkness into the marvelous light, having given ourselves unto Him, we freely and joyfully give ourselves unto one another by the will of God and bearing each other's burdens, participating in each other's joys, that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect the great duty of prayer for ourselves and for others.

That we will endeavor to bring up such as may at any time be under our care in the nature and admonition of the Lord. We engage to watch over each other in love and to hold communion together in all the ordinances of the Gospel. Submitting ourselves to the discipline which Christ requires in His church. Searching His word and praying for His spirit that we may increase in knowledge and in joy a clear manifestation of the Ministry of Godliness and of the Glory of His Kingdom, continually looking and waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever, Amen.

Proceedings

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1954

The Mountain Union Baptist Association of Regular churches met in session with New Bridge church, September 3, 1954.

Services were opened by Elder Archie Pruitt by reading 11 verses of 2nd chapter of 1st Peter.

Introductory sermon was delivered by Elder E. R. McClure. Text, 5 verses of 1st chapter of St. John and Elder James Barker making a nice talk.

After an intermission the messengers reassembled in the house for the transaction of business.

The Association was opened by Elder Coy Powers by reading 19 verses of the 14th chapter of St. John and Elder S. L. Hart offering prayer.

The moderator called for the associational letters. There were 19 received and read by E. W. Stansberry, clerk, and Elder Coy Powers.

The moderator, Elder James Barker, seated the messengers for the transaction of business.

On motion and apprvoal we receive the just read associational letters and table the two letters from Baptist View church and unseat the delegates until we get organized for business.

On motion and approval they proceeded to elect a moderator and clerk by private ballot.

The moderator appointed Elder Bert Anders, Quincy Higgins and Brother Rowie McNeill as tellers.

The tellers reported Elder James Barker as moderator and E. W. Stansberry as clerk.

On motion and approval the report was received and the letters discharged.

On motion and approval it was decided to give the moderator authority to publish an open door for the reception of new churches of our faith and order. None responded.

Upon motion and approval we take up the two letters coming into the association from Baptist View church and the moderator of the association ask the church clerk, Brother George Eller, to read the church work when they walk out at the church conference and also for the church clerk. Quincy Walker to read their church work of the same date. Then George Eller explained their side of the question after they all gave their side of the questions, the association ask for Ovid Barker, a delegate from Fox Creek church, to tell what he knew as he was present at their church conference when the division came after being discussed and questions being ask.

On motion and approval we appoint nine men to investigate this evidence. A standing vote was taken and being divided the move and second was withdrawn.

On motion and approval we appoint three delegaters to investigate giving the moderator authority to appoint them. The moderator appointed Eld. E. R. McClure and Charlie Petty

and give them authority to pick the third man and they picked Brother Ovid Barker. This committee was to go out and talk over and weigh up the evidence they had heard and report Saturday morning what they would recommend to the association.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 3, 1954

We, your committee have decided by the evidence that we now have that N. W. Eller, George Eller and Roby Roland as delegates from Baptist View church are in the right and we should stand by them.

E. R. McClure,
Charlie Petty,
Ovid Barker, Committee.

September 4, 1954

The Mount Union Regular Baptist Association now in session with New Bridge Regular Baptist church in Maryland,

To whom it may concern:

We find that Baptist View Regular Baptist church of the Mount Union Association has divided into two factions. One with Elder Dewey Rhodes as moderator, and the other with Elder Archie Pruett as moderator.

After a close and careful investigation we find that the faction led by Elder Dewey Rhodes has deviated from the Orthodox teaching of the work of God, and the rules of the Association and from the principles of a regular Baptist church and has the others locked out of the church house. Therefore, we declare the ones led by Elder Archie Pruett as moderator, the original and true Baptist View church, and if Elder Dewey Rhodes and his followers will not willingly open the door and vacate the house and property, we ask that the law of the State of Maryland open the door for them and issue a restraining order to keep them out of the house as a church to hold their conference or carry on their work.

This done by order of the Association and signed in behalf ot the same.

Elder James Barker, Moderator.
E. W. Stansberry, Clerk.

On motion and approval corresponding brethern of our faith and order were invited to sit with us. The Little River Association that went forward and ask for seats were Elders Berts Anders, Quincy Higgins.

On motion and approval the moderator called for brethern of our faith and order desiring seats with us, those that responded were Willie Barker, Joe Turner.

On motion and approval the moderator was invested with the authority to make all temperary appointments of the association. Where upon he appointed the following:

Ministry: L. C. Greer, Fred Miller, Bluford Elliott and delegates of New Bridge church.

Temperence: Claud Stuart, Oscar Hart, W. M. Lewis.

Resolutions: Earl Sexton, John Graham, Frank Sawyers.

Finance: Kermit Jones, Obry Turner, C. L. Barker.

Sabbath Schools: Conley Wyatt, S. L. Hart, Norman Carpenter.

Arrangements: D. L. Shepherd, Coy Powers, Emmitt Denney, Edward Hart, Glenn Elliott, corresponding brethern, moderator and clerk.

Obituaries: E. W. Stansberry, Walter Brown and John Delp.

The moderator appointed D. L. Shepherd to write a letter to the Little River Association.

The committee on ministry reports preaching at 8:00 o'clock Friday night. Elders Ed Hart to open service and Rufus Stuart and Earl Richardson to preach.

Saturday morning Elders Smith Roberts to open service and Norman Carpenter to preach.

Saturday afternoon, James Burltebough to open service and Conley Wyatt to preach.

Saturday night, Claud Stuart to open service and Bert Anders and Earl Sexton to preach.

Sunday morning, Elder C. L. Barker to open service and Quincy Higgins and James Barker to preach.

On motion and approval the association adjourned until Saturday morning at 10:00 a. m.

The session was closed by Elder Conley Wyatt by talking and offering prayer.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1954

The association met in a devotional service before the moderator called the association to order by singing a number of songs and Coy Powers opened the service by reading a few verses of the 5th chapter of Matthew. He made a nice talk and Elder Earl Sexton offering prayer and singing a number of songs.

The association was called to order by the moderator and Elder Bert Anders reading 11 verses of the 12th chapter of Mark and singing "Amazing Grace" and then offering prayer.

The roll of messengers was read by the clerk.

The committee on arrangements reports a bill of items.

On motion and approval the bill was received and the committee discharged and the items taken up as listed.

The minutes of the session held September 3 were read and approved granting the clerk authority to make any needed corrections and the Rules of Decorum were read.

On motion and approval corresponding brethern of our faith and order were invited to sit with us. James Bartlbough, Vaughn Petty, Ed Wyatt, N. H. Barker, Gaither Jones, Freeman Wyatt and Archie Pruitt.

The corresponding brethern appointed the last association to visit Little River Association. Reported they went and found that they were yet contending for the faith and was in peace and in the spirit and had a good association.

On motion and approval we received the report and discharged the committee.

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed that we advise our churches to watch and pray that we may be more closely united in brotherly love one toward another. We also advise that we try earnstly to settle ourselves so that when we meet in our association in peace and

love and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in so doing the world can see a reality in serving the true and loving God.

We also advise our churches to watch about people or preachers who sow seeds of discord among our churches.

Earl Sexton,
Frank Sawyer,
John Graham, committee.

After being discussed by Elders Earl Sexton, Coy Powers, Rufus Stuart. On motion and approval we receive the report and discharge the committee.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following: We advise all our churches in our union to organize and maintain Sabbath Schools. We further advise our preachers and deacons to try and influence our churches to have Sabbath Schools as we see it is falling away in most of our churches. We advise our churches not to use anyone out of this body for their officers or teachers and to use the Bible for their text book.

Conley Wyatt,
S. L. Hart,
Norman Carpenter, committee.

After being discussed by Conley Wyatt, N. H. Barker, D. L. Shepherd, James Barker, E. R. McClure, W. M. Lewis. On motion and approval we receive the report and discharge the committee.

TEMPERANCE

We, the committee on Temperance, report the following: We advise all our churches in our union to be temperate in all things and to obslain from strong drinks, which is determental to the cause of Christ and his Kingdom. We should be temperate in our everyday walk of life and speech, especially preaching of the Gospel, Rev. 29 — 18 and 19 for to testify unto every man that hearth the words of the prophecy of this book. If any man shall add unto these things shall add unto him the players that are written in this book and if any man shall take away from the words of this book of life and out of the Holy City and from things that are written in this book. Jealousy should be in temperance, the Bible says jealousy is cruler than the grace and it is causing more trouble among the churches then anything else, we also advise all our use the old King James Bible and watch the new way that men is putting out. Therefore brethern add to temperance patience, godliness, and in so doing these things we shall neither be barren nor unfaithful.

W. M. Lewis,
Oscar Hart,
Claud Stewart, Committees.

After being discussed by Claud Stuart, Quincy Higgins, James Barker, on motion and approval we received the report and discharged the committee.

OBITUARIES

Committee on obituaries report the following: Received 13 obituaries to be printed in the minutes.

On motion and approval we received the report and have the obituaries printed in the minutes and discharged the committee.

E. W. Stansberry,
Walter Brown,
John Delp, Committee.

SECRETARY AND TREASURERS REPORT FOR 1953 AND 1954

Finance Committee	$165.50
balance in Treasurer	228.95
Total	$394.45
Paid Skyland Post for 1,000 minutes	84.90
Donated to James Barker	20.00
Donated to E. W. Stansberry	25.00
Postage and Wrapping Paper	10.00
Total	139.90
Balance in Treasurer	$254.55

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Committee on finance reports the following:

Baptist View	$ 20.00
Beech Creek	2.00
Covenant	3.50
Flat Grove	8.00
Fox Creek	10.00
Laurel Hill	3.10
Liberty	6.00
Mt. Zion	6.15
Mt. Pleasant Chapel	11.00
New Hope	4.00
New Bethel	4.50
New Bridge	
Oak Grove	7.00
Pine Grove	11.00
Rich Valley	5.00
Silas Creek	10.25
St. Clairs Creek	11.00
Three Top	8.00
White Oak	15.00
Total	$165.50

C. L. Barker,
Kermit Jones,
Obrey Turner, Committee.

On motion and approval the report was received and the committee discharged and E. W. Stansberry appointed secretary and treasurer and authorized to have what minutes that are needed printed for the churches and was donated $20.00 for his services and on motion and approval the moderator was donated $20.00 for his services.

Report of committee appointed to write corresponding let-

ters. A letter was read by E. W. Stansberry to the Little River Association and on motion and approval it was received and the committee discharged and the following appointed to the Little River Association: S. L. Hart, Coy Powers, James Barker, Edward Hart, E. W. Stansberry, E. R. McClure, Earl Sexton, Noah Eller, C. L. Barker.

The association made up a donation for E. W. Stansberry, clerk, to the amount of $25.00 to help bear his expenses of getting the minutes printed due to traveling expense which was appreacated very much.

E. W. Stansberry, clerk.

BAPTIST CHAPEL CHURCH

After being brought to the attention of the delegates and after being discussed by Elder James Barker that Baptist Chapel church needed some repairs and also should be taken in possession by a committee so as to care for and hold said property in possession of the Mt. Union Association. On motion and approval the moderator appointed Claud Parsons, James Barker and Carson Barker as committee.

On motion and approval we give to Archie Pruitt and his follows the writing given to him for the Baptist View property and on motion and approval clerk of association send copy to George Eller, clerk of Baptist View church.

On motion and approval we give Laurel Hill $100.00 of the minutes funds to apply on building their new church house.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ASSOCIATION

On motion and approval the next session of the association will convene with Mt. Zion church on Friday and Saturday before the first Lord's Day in September, 1955.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

On motion and approval the association extended its heartfelt thanks to the New Bridge church and community at large for the loving care during the association.

THE INTRODUCTORY SERMON

The introductory sermon will be delivered by Elder Archie Pruitt and Alternate Elder C. L. Barker.

James Barker, moderator.
E. W. Stansberry, clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 5, 1954

The service was opened by C. L. Barker by reading some scripture and talking some and offering prayer.

First sermon was delivered by Elder Quincy Higgins. Text, 3rd verse of 16th chapter St. Luke.

Last sermon by Elder James Barker. Text, 5th verse of the 5th chapter St. Luke.

All sermons were delivered with great power from on high and the spirit came down in great power and every Christian seemed happy.

ROLL OF MESSENGERS

Baptist View — George Eller, Roby Roland, N. W. Eller.
Beech Creek — Ray Guy, Mike Ward, Clyde Stines.
Covenant — Conley Wyatt, Norman Carpenter, L. C. Greer.
Flat Grove — D. L. Shepherd, T. D. Furches, Odell Lewis.
Fox Creek — James Barker, C. L. Barker, Ovid Barker.
Laurel Hill — G. G. Campbell.
Liberty — Walter Blevins, Rufus Stuart, Kermit Jones.
Mt. Zion — Smith Greer, Glenn Elliott, Milton Ham.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel — E. R. McClure, Claude Stuart, A. J. Turner.
New Hope — Represented by letter.
New Bethel — Letcher Wilcox, John Graham, Luther Hart.
New Bridge — Charlie Petty, Emmet Petty, Clarence Jones.
Oak Grove — Bluford Elliott, Thomas Stanley, Quincy Turner.
Pine Grove — Fred Miller, Frank Sawyer, Albert Francis.
Rich Valley — Vaughn Roten.
Silas Creek — Coy Powers, Earl Sexton, Earl Richardson.
St. Clairs Creek — W. E. Brown, E. S. Denny, S. L. Hart.
Three Top — W. M. Lewis, Chas. Rash, Harvey Price.
White Oak — E. W. Stansberry, Edward Hart, Oscar Hart.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

Barker, James	Troutdale, Va.
Barker, C. L.	Troutdale, Va.
Campbell, G. W.	Grayson, N. C.
Carpenter, G. G.	Grayson, N. C.
Carpenter, Norman	Lansing, N. C.
Darnell, Thomas	Lansing, N. C.
Graham, John	Husk, N. C.
Hart, S. L.	Chilhowie, Va.
Hart, W. W.	Tuckerdale, N. C.
Hart, Edward	Lansing, N. C.
Howell, G. J.	Lansing, N. C.
Hicks, Howard	Beech Creek, N. C.
McClure, E. R.	Lansing, N. C.
Mink, Batty	Meadowview, Va.
Powers, Coy	Grassy Creek, N. C.
Powers, Luther	Lansing, N. C.
Patrick, V. C.	Bluefield, W. Va.
Pruitt, Archie	Darlington, Md.
Richardson, Earl	Lansing, N. C.
Roberts, Smith	Lansing, N. C.
Stines, Charlie	Beech Creek, N. C.
Shepherd, D. L.	Smethport, N. C.
Sapp, W. D.	Elk Creek, Va.
Sexton, Earl	Grassy Creek, N. C.
Stuart, Rufus	Lansing, N. C.
Testerman, Avery	Grassy Creek, N. C.
Woods, E. E.	Fig, N. C.
Wyatt, Conley	Grayson, N. C.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF LICENSED MINISTERS

Absher, Emsley	Nathan's Creek, N. C.
Brown, James	Smethport, N. C.
Bartlebough, James	White Hall, Md.

Barr, Joe ..... Chilhowie, Va.
Barrett, Bennie ..... Roanoke, Va.
Brackins, Marvin ..... Darlington, Md.
Barker, N. H. ..... Troutdale, Va.
Campbell, Conley ..... Fig, N. C.
Carpenter, B. M. ..... Chilhowie, Va.
Eller, N. W. ..... Peach Bottom, Pa.
Powers, Basil ..... Lansing, N. C.
Phillips, Dallas ..... Meadowview, Va.
Petty, Emmit ..... Darlington, Md.
Sawyers, W. R. ..... Saltville, Va.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Oak Grove — No. officers 2. No. teachers, 5. No. pupils enrolled, 72. Average attendance, 55.

Three Top — No. oficers 2. No. teachers 4. No. pupils enrolled 95. Average attendance 75.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Baptist View — Archie Pruitt, Smith Roberts.
Beech Creek — G. G. Carpenter, Conley Wyatt.
Covenant — E. E. Woods, G. G. Carpenter, V. C. Patrick, Conley Wyatt, Norman Carpenter.
Flat Grove — E. E. Woods, G. G. Carpenter.
Fox Creek — James Barker, C. L. Barker, Earl Richardson.
Laurel Hill — E. E. Woods, Conley Wyatt.
Liberty — Earl Richardson, Earl Sexton.
Mt. Zion — Earl Richardson, Earl Sexton.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel — Coy Powers, E. R. McClure, Earl Sexton.
New Hope — Earl Sexton, Edward Hart, Norman Carpenter.
New Bethel — Earl Sexton, Earl Richardson.
New Bridge — Archie Pruitt, Smith Roberts.
Oak Grove — E. R. McClure, Earl Sexton.
Pine Grove — E. R. McClure, Coy Powers, Earl Richardson, Rufus Stuart.
Rich Valley — Coy Powers, Luther Powers.
Silas Creek — E. E. Woods, E. R. McClure, Earl Richardson, Earl Sexton, Luther Powers, Coy Powers.
St. Clairs Creek — C. L. Barker, E. R. McClure.
Three Top — Coy Powers, Luther Powers.
White Oak — W. W. Hart, James Barker, Conley Wyatt, Earl Sexton, Edward Hart.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Baptist View — George Eller ..... Rising Sun, Maryland
Beech Creek — Coy Stines ..... Whaley, N. C.
Covenant — L. C. Greer ..... Grayson, N. C.
Flat Grove — Mabel Lewis ..... Smethport, N. C.
Fox Creek — Willie Barker ..... Troutdale, Va.
Laurel Hill — Conley Campbell ..... Grayson, N. C.
Liberty — Zenna Blevins ..... Lansing, N. C.
Mt. Zion — Glenn Elliott ..... Lansing, N. C.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel — Alene Turner ..... Crumpler, N. C.
New Hope — Eli Blevins ..... White Top, Va.
New Bethel — L. L. Wilcox ..... Husk, N. C.

New Bridge — Emmit Petty ..... Darlington, Md.
Oak Grove — Thomas Elliott ..... Smethport, N. C.
Pine Grove — J. T. Reedy and Fred Miller, assistant, Warrensville, N. C.
Rich Valley — Glen Elliott ..... Fig, N. C.
St. Clairs Creek — E. S. Denney ..... Chilhowie, Va.
Silas Creek — W. H. Sexton ..... Lansing, N. C.
Three Top — W. A. Lewis ..... Todd, N. C.
White Oak — Paul Hart ..... Lansing, N. C.

TIME OF COMMUNION FOR EACH CHURCH

Baptist View ..... First Sunday in August
Beech Creek ..... First Sunday in August
Covenant ..... Second Sunday in July
Flat Grove ..... Third Sunday in June
Fox Creek ..... Second Sunday in July
Laurel Hill ..... First Sunday in August
Liberty ..... Third Sunday in August
Mt. Pleasant Chapel ..... Second Sunday in August
Mt. Zion ..... Second Sunday in August
New Bethel ..... First Sunday in July
New Hope ..... Fourth Sunday in August
New Bridge ..... Second Sunday in August
Oak Grove ..... First Sunday in August
Pine Grove ..... Third Sunday in July
Rich Valley ..... Fourth Sunday in June
St. Clairs Creek ..... Fourth Sunday in July
Silas Creek ..... On Sunday after 4th Saturday in July
Three Top ..... First Sunday in August
White Oak ..... Third Sunday in July

STATISTICAL TABLE

	Sunday	No. Ordained Ministers	No. Licensed Ministers	Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Received by Application	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. Males	No. Females	Total for all sex
Baptist View	1	1	3	1		1		2	39	3	68	91	159
Beech Creek	4	2					1				11	14	25
Covenant	2	4				1					12	22	34
Flat Grove	3	1	1	5		4		2		1	15	23	38
Fox Creek	2	2	1	6		2	1	1			46	65	111
Laurel Hill	1	2	1						1	2	17	27	44
Liberty	3	3					1				22	44	66
Mt. Pleasant Chapel	2	1	1								25	47	72
Mt. Zion	2										14	40	54
New Bethel	1	1						1			11	34	45
New Hope	4						1		1		11	31	42
New Bridge	2		1	5	2	2			12	1	25	30	55
Oak Grove	1			10				1		1	35	48	83
Pine Grove	3							4			34	70	104
Rich Valley	4	1	1								22	40	62
Silas Creek	4	5		1						2	41	88	129
St. Clairs Creek	4	2	5							1	36	78	114
Three Top	1	1							1		55	112	167
White Oak	3	2		9						3	19	78	97
Total		28	14	37	2	10	4	11	54	14			

Obituaries

BOWLING

Ida Virginia Bowling, daughter of Rev. John and Sallie McClure was born Dec. 9, 1885, departed this life June 12, 1954, making her stay on earth 68 years, five months and three days.

She was married to John C. O'Day and to this union was born 3 children, one having preceded her in death. Later in life she was married to Henry C. Bowling, to this union was born 3 children. Both her husbands preceded her in death. She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined St. Clairs Creek Baptist church where she remained a member until death. Darling mother how we miss you more and more each day. Miss your loving voice and ways as we look toward your old home it makes our heart break with sorrow because you are not there any more. But mother we know you are resting with the saints gone on before. And it makes our hearts rejoice to know you want have to suffer any more and we will strive to meet you on that bright and shining shore.

Written by her Daughter,
Mrs. Joe Barr.

BYRD

Elza Vernon Byrd, son of John and Myrtle Byrd was born January 5, 1893 and departed this life April 16, 1954, age, 61 years, 3 months and 7 days. He was united in matrimony to Grace Hardin, June 6, 1921, unto this union was born 12 children, of whom 4 preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife and 4 sisters, 3 sons and 5 daughters and a host of grandchildren and relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

He professed a hope in Christ at the age of 50, years he was united with White Oak church and remained a faithful member until God called him home to heaven.

A dear one from us has gone
How we miss your loving face
As long as time is remembered,
None can ever take his place.
In our heart, your memory will linger
Of a husband and father faithful and true
Sleep in peace dear one till we
meet up there with you.

EASTRIDGE

Rilda Eastridge was born May 9, 1887 and departed this life July 3, 1953, making her stay on earth 66 years, one month and 24 days. She leaves 1 sister, 3 brothers and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life. We feel that she has lived a Christian life before her neighbors and friends for they have heard her in the groves praying. She attended church as long as she was able. We have seen her rejoicing in the spirit of the Lord. We feel our loss is her eternal gain.

Dear sister how we miss you, but will meet you in heaven, where we will part no more.

GREER

Barbara Ann Greer was born September 19, 1949 and died November 5, 1949, making her stay on earth 6 weeks and 4 days. Our Heavenly Father came and took from us the sweetest jewel on earth. This was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Greer. She left her father and mother and a host of relatives to mourn their loss. This little one was not permitted to stay on earth long for the gentle shepherd had a better home than earth could afford. The Lord has made it possible for father and mother to unite with her in the Glory land some day. This little one was budded on earth to bloom in heaven.

GREER

Nancy Gennell Greer was born February 28, 1954, died July 30, making her stay on earth 5 months, and 2 days. Our Heavenly Father saw best to call her home, the sweetest jewel on earth. This was the daughter of Freeman and Nellie Greer. She left father and mother and a host of relatives to mourn her loss and went on to join her brother and sister. This little one was not permitted to stay on earth long for the gentle shepherd had a better home prepared for it than earth could afford.

The Lord has made possible for father and mother to unite with them in the Glory land one day. This little babe was budded on earth to bloom in heaven. This little babe has gone to rest, to reign with God forever blest. Its little tongue will always praise a saviours love.

HAM

On Saturday so unexpected God sent an angel to claim the soul of a dear mother and beloved wife.

Bessie Mae Phillips Ham was born January 6, 1906 and died January 9, 1954. God permitted her to stay on earth 48 years, 3 days. She was daughter of James and Ellen Phillips.

She was married February 12, 1922 to Moses Ham. Unto this union was born 6 children of whom 3 survive, Walter, James, and Mrs. Rufus Stuart.

She professed a hope in Christ in 1937 and was baptised into the fellowship of White Oak church and lived a faithful member until death.

She leaves to mourn her passing besides her husband and children, 8 grandchildren, father, mother, 3 brothers and 4 sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Love is the sweetest bud that blooms,
Its beauty never dies.
On earth among the saints it grows
And ripens in the skies.

Written by Mrs. Blanche Hart and
Mrs. Paul Miller.

JONES

Elder Henry H. Jones, son of the late Andrew and Susan Jones was born April 4, 1889. Deceased March 24, 1954, age 64 years, 11 months and 20 days. He was united in matrimony to

Laura Moxley in 1914. Unto this union was born 3 children, 2 sons and 1 daughter.

He professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Fox Creek church. Later after moving to Maryland he made known his calling to the ministry and was licensed on April 10, 1926. Three years later he was ordained as a minister of the Gospel at Fox Creek church August 10, 1929. He held services in his mother's home until Baptist View church was organized. He came into the church December 21, 1930 and remained a faithful member until God saw fit to call him home. He preached the word and contended for the faith and was a bold soldier in all battles in the vineyard of our Lord. He read his Bible and talked on the scriptures giving us advice. When he got to where he wasn't able to attend church. While laying on his bed of afflictions we saw him rejoice in his saviour's love and he told us he was ready to go two days before he passed away; he lay looking toward heaven smiling and singing hymns. He told his companion he was thinking about his beautiful home.

God saw the road was getting rough,
The hills were hard to climb.
He gently closed his loving eyes
And whispered, "Peace be thine,"
His weary hours; his days of pain,
His weary nights are passed,
His ever patient wornout frame
Has found sweet rest at last.
Written by his wife and children.

LEWIS

Loyd Dean Lewis was born September 21, 1953, deceased this life March 8, 1954, making its stay on earth 5 months, 17 days. Leaving its father and mother, 3 brothers and 5 sisters to mourn their loss with a host of friends and relatives. It was a sweet baby and God only knows how we miss him, but we know that our loss is heaven's gain for Jesus said "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of God."

It is gone to that beautiful shore. We hope some day to meet it where parting will be no more

Written by Mae Wyatt.

MILLER

Lessie Clark Miller, daughter of Ala Clark was born February 8, 1906 and departed this life July 7, 1954, making her stay on earth 48 years, 5 months and 29 days.

She was married to James A. Miller, August 5, 1927 and unto this union were born four children, Katherine Miller Baker, Kyle, Darrel and Shirley Ann, all of Lansing.

Mother professed a hope in Christ December 13, 1929 and joined White Oak Baptist church where she remained a faithful member until God called her home.

She was a good mother, no one could ever be more sacrficing than her. She was a good neighbor, honest, truthful and kind and was loved and respected by all who come to know her. She is survived by mother, children, Granddaughter, one

sister Ada Milles, one brother Gleastes Clark and a host of relatives and friends. Her Husband proceded her in death July 9, 1951. Dear mother is just waiting inside of Heaven's door, we know that you are happy and will never die no more. How we miss you no one can tell, but some sweet day we will meet her where we will never say farewell.

Written by her Children

MAYS

Melissa Arlene Mays, 10 months daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Mays died on 13 day of May at Union Memorial hospital. Death due to Spinal Miningitis.

Surviving besides her parents, one sister and her grandparents.

Funeral service was conducted at the home of her grandparents, by Elder Archie Prvitt and Bro. James Burtlebough. She was laid to rest in Baptist View Cemetery.

Little darling our heart and head are bowed with sorrow but deep within us is the peace of having there is a brighter tomorrow. When we shall meet and stand together on that Golden Stand in the blessed land of love with all the angles and our Lord above.

Written by her Parents.

PARSONS

Mrs. Nancy Ellen Jones Parsons, daughter of Dr. Rufus and Martha Jones was born Dec. 7, 1883, passed away June 24, 1954 making her stay on earth 70 years 6 months and 16 days. She was united in marriage to John A. Parsons in May 1907. He proceded her in death 7 years ago. Unto this union was born 8 children, two passed away in infancy. Those surviving are Mrs. Bernice Elliott, Conly Parsons, Mrs. Edith Roten, Mrs. Hazel Stanley, Mrs. Grace Turner and Jones Parsons all of Warrensville. 11 grandchildren, three great grandchildren, one Brother Roy N. Jones and one sister, Mrs. Rosa Little, of Clifton, N. C. and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her passing. She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Rich Valley Union Baptist Church later moving her membership to Oak Grove Church, where she remained a faithful member until death. She was a good companion, a loving mother, a good neighbor and a friend to all.

Don't weep over mother for she has gone home to be with Jesus and forever to be at rest.

Written by her daughter, Grace Turner

RICHARDSON

Maggie Jane Richardson, daughter of Monroe and Mary Elliott was born in Ashe county, October 14, 1889 on March 29, 1954 she met the appointment of death being 64 years 5 months and 14 days. She was married to William Richardson June 30, 1907. To this union were born 12 children one of them preceded her in death. She leaves her husband and the following children; Earl, Jones, Frank, Howard, and Albert Richardson, Gladys Thompson, Bell Shepherd, Florence Testerman, Beulah Powers, Julia Faye Richardson, all of Lansing, Love Ham of Newton, also 26 grand children and one great grand child and

three brothers, Ambrose, Isaac and Wade and one sister Callie Ham.

She has a host of friends thats unnumbered who with the family feel the loss we sustain. It was a real joy to her to fill her place in the home in service to the family and community. The family gives up a good companion and mother, the community a real friend. Fifty years ago when a beautiful loving girl of 14 years old she professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized into the fellowship of Mt. Zion Baptist Church later moving her membership to Silas Creek Baptist Church where she remained a true and faithful member until death. We know mother is at rest, we can only say sleep on mother until we meet again.

Written by her husband William Richardson

WOODS

Sherman Woods was born July 13, 1860 and departed this life April 16, 1954 at the age of 85 years, 9 months and 3 days. He was married to Mary Perkins October 18, 1887 and unto this union were born 15 children of which 4 proceded him in death. Eleven of the children are yet living. He leaves fifty four grandchildren to mourn this loss. He was converted 55 years ago and was united with Laurel Hill Union Baptist Church and remained a faithful member until death.

He was a loving and kind husband and father and was always ready to lend a helping to anyone in need. We believe our loss is his eternal gain. Children remember fathers prayers and prepare to meet him in that eternal home where parting shall never come.

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MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Mountain Union Baptist Association

Composed of Messengers From The Regular Baptist Churches In Our Union

Convened With

MT. ZION REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2, 1955

ELDER JAMES BARKER, Moderator ..... Troutdale, Va.

E. W. STANSBERRY, Clerk ..... Lansing, N. C.

The Next Session Of The Association Will Convene With White Oak Church, 6 Miles From Lansing, North Carolina, On Friday And Saturday Before The First Lord's Day In September, 1956.

Introductory Sermon By Elder C. L. Barker, Troutdale, Va.; Alternate, Elder James Bartlebough, Whitehall, Md.

A BAPTIST CHURCH

By a Baptist Church in the document is meant such a Baptist Church as avowedly believes and distinctly teaches among other Bible tenets the following: The essential deity of Jesus Christ, the full inspiration and authority of the Bible as the written Word of God, the absolute necessity of regeneration; salvation by grace through faith in Christ's atoning blood; scriptural baptism and membership in a Baptist church as orderly and essential prerequisities to communion at the Lord's Supper as observed among Baptist.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.
2. We believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.
5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
7. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and Feet-Washings are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances and we believe the only mode of baptism is by immersion.
8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; and that the joys of the righteous; and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the hand of the Presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at the time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is done speaking.
4. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on any person who spoke, by making remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall state fairly the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
5. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from the Association for his absence.
6. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sittings of same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

8. No member of the Association shall address another by any appelation except that of brother.

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violates the Rules of Decorum.

10. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the Association shall request.

11. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote unless Association be equally divided, then he may give the deciding vote.

12. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be known by the name of Mountain Union Baptist Association and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union and duly sent to represent the Association. who, on producing letters shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates; in their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letters, by application; dismissed by letter, excluded, and dead since last Association.

Article 2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have an ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any eternal right over any church in her Union.

Article 3. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular decorum.

Article 4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually by a majority vote of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

Article 5. New churches or any Baptist church of our faith and order, in good standing, either dismissed by letter from sister associations or by application by sending up letters and delegates shall be admitted into the Union.

Article 6. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

Article 7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Article 8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of its proceedings. The best method of accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Associations.

Article 9. We think it necessary to have an Associational Fund to defray the expenses of the Association, and it's the

duty of each church in the Union to contribute sums as they think proper to the Association and these moneys shall be deposited with the treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

Article 10. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

Article 11. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

Article 12. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they deem it expedient, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

Article 13. The Association shall act as advisory counsel and shall endeavor to preserve a general Union among the churches, and give advice in matters of difficulty.

Article 14. The Association shall inquire into the cause, if any church fails at any time to be represented in the Association.

Article 15. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

Article 16. The Association may correspond with sister Associations and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing who may be of our faith and order, to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

Article 17. The Association shall have the power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

Article 18. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain the same as they may choose.

CHURCH COVENANT

We do now, in the presence of Almighty God and in the faith of the Gospel and by the present help of Divine Grace unitedly give ourselves to God Almighty, father, son and Holy Ghost. To be for Him and no other, freely submitting ourselves to Him, to be at His disposal, that He may be glorified by us and through us. We agree to take the Bible as our only rule of faith and practice, regarding the Old Testament as containing the Ordinances of the Old Dispensation and New Testament as containing the Ordinances of the New Dispensation. We agree to contend earnestly both by precept and example for the whole of that faith which Christ has once for all delivered to His saints. That we will strive together for the support of a faithful evangelical ministry among us and through life amid evil report and good report seek to live to the Glory of Him, who hast called us out of darkness into the marvelous light,

having given ourselves unto Him, we freely and joyfully give ourselves unto one another by the will of God and bearing each other's burdens, participating in each other's joys, that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect the great duty of prayer for ourselves and for others.

That we will endeavor to bring up such as may at any time be under our care in the nature and admonition of the Lord. We engage to watch over each other in love and to hold communion together in all the ordinances of the Gospel. Submitting ourselves to the discipline which Christ requires in His church. Searching His word and praying for His spirit that we may increase in knowledge and in joy a clear manifestation of the Ministry of Godliness and of the Glory of His Kingdom, continually looking and waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever, Amen.

Proceedings

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1955

The Mountain Union Baptist Association of regular churches, met in session with Mt. Zion church, September 2, 1955.

Service was opened by C. L. Barker, by reading 10th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

Introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Archie Pruitt. Text: 9th verse, 1st chapter of Acts, and Elder James Barker made a nice talk.

After an intermission, the messengers reassembled in the house for the transaction of business.

The Association was opened by Elder J. S. Evans by reading 133rd chapter of Psalms, and making a nice talk and singing, "Come Ye Who Love The Lord," and J. S. Evans offering prayer and Elder James Barker making prayer.

The moderator called for the Associational letters. There were 19 received and read by E. W. Stansberry, the clerk, and Elder Coy Powers.

The moderator, Elder James Barker, seated the messengers for the transaction of business. On motion and approval we receive the just read Associational letters.

On motion and approval, they proceeded to elect a moderator and clerk by private ballot.

The moderator appointed J. S. Evans, Gordon Hendricks and Carl Higgins as tellers.

The tellers reported James Barker as moderator and E. W. Stansberry as clerk.

On motion and approval the report was received and the teller discharged.

On motion and approval it was decided to give the moderator authority to publish an Open Door for the reception of new churches of our faith and order. None responded.

On motion and approval, corresponding brethern of our faith and order were invited to sit with us.

The Little River Association that came forward and asked for seats were Elders J. S. Evans, J. C. Hendrix, Bert Anders, C. J. Higgins, and Brother Vincin Miller.

On motion and approval, the moderator called for brethern of our faith and order desiring seats with us. Those that responded were: W. H. Sexton.

On motion and approval, the moderator was invested with the authority to make all temporary appointments of the Association, whereupon he appointed the following: Ministry, Rowie McNeill, Monroe Perry, H. E. Lewis, and delegates of Mt. Zion church. Temperance, Charlie Petty, Albert Miller and Walter Blevins.

Resolutions: Coy Powers, G. W. Campbell, and Tevis Darnell.

Finance: Ray Roark, E. R. McClure, Lundy Elliott.

Sabbath Schools: Gaither Jones, Floyd Osborne and Don Adams.

Arrangements: S. L. Hart, Earl Sexton, Norman Carpenter,

Clyde Stenis, Roby Roland and corresponding brethern and moderator and clerk.

Obituaries: E. W. Stansberry, Gordon Tedder and Edward Hart .

The moderator appointed Coy Powers to write a letter to the Little River Association.

The committee on ministry reports preaching at 7:30 Friday night. Elders Earl Sexton to open service and Bert Anders to preach.

Saturday morning Elders Conley Wyatt to open service and Archie Pruitt to preach. Saturday afternoon Elders E. E. Woods to open service and Charlie Stines to preach. Saturday night Elder Coy Powers to open service and Elders J. S. Evans and James Barker to preach.

Sunday morning Elder C. L. Barker to open service and Elders J. S. Evans and James Barker to preach.

On motion and approval the Association adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30 a. m.

The session was closed by Elder Earl Sexton by reading 1 chapter of 1st Thessalonians and making a nice talk and singing, "When I Read My Title Clear," and offering prayer.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1955

The Association met in a devotional service before the moderator called the Association to order, by singing a number of hymns and spiritual songs and Coy Powers opened service by reading 14th chapter of St. John and made a nice talk and S. L. Hart offered prayer.

The Association was called to order by the moderator and Elder James reading 23rd chapter Psalms and singing, "I've Been Waiting," and Brother Emmit Denny offering prayer.

The roll of messengers was read by the clerk.

The committee on arrangements reports a bill of items.

On motion and approval the bill was received and the committee discharged and the items taken up as listed.

The minutes of the session held September 2 were read and approved, granting the clerk authority to make any needed corrections and the rules of Decorum were read by the clerk.

On motion and approval, corresponding brethern of our faith and order were invited to sit with us. None responded.

On motion and approval, we read a letter from Mt. Zion Association signed by the moderator and clerk, addressed to E. W. Stansberry, clerk of Mountain Union Association and after being read and also being discussed by James Barker, S. L. Hart, Norman Carpenter and Edward Hart, on motion and approval, we drop correspondence with Mt. Zion Association until they set themselves in order with the Mountain Union Association.

The corresponding brethern appointed to visit Little River Association reported went and found that they were yet contending for the faith and was in peace and love and the spirit

was with them and they had a good association.

On motion and approval we received the report and discharged the committee.

RESOLUTIONS

As we endeavor to write a resolution, brethern, let us resolve to love one another more in the churches for the cause of Christ, for the labors are few and work more for peace among us. Let us resolve to use the King James version Bible as our only Bible. Let it be our faith and practice. That we attend our church meetings and also our revivals and Sunday Schools. That we spend more time in prayer. We, by doing so, God will bless us more and more will be added to the church and the church will have a great drawing power toward the sinner.

Coy Powers, Tivis Darnell, G. W. Campbell, Committee.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sabbath schools submit the following: We advise all our churches in our union to organize and maintain sabbath schools. We further advise preachers and deacons to try and influence our churches to have sabbath schools as we see it is falling away in most of our churches. We advise our churches to use christians for their officers and teachers and to use the Bible for their textbook.

After being discussed by E. R. McClure, J. S. Evans, D. L. Shepherd, Charlie Petty, Norman Carpenter and James Barker, on motion and approval, we received the report and discharged the committee.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, the committee on temperance report the following: We advise all our churches in our union to be temperate in all things and to abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages which is detrimental to the cause of Christ and His Kingdom. We should be temperate in our everyday walks of life and speech, especially preaching the Gospel. See Rev. 29:18-19. Jealousy should be in temperance. The Bible says jealousy is crueler than the grave and it is causing more trouble among the churches than anything else. We also advise all our churches to use the King James Bible and watch the new ways that men are putting out. Therefore, brethern, add to temperance, patience, love, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, Godliness, faith and meekness and in so doing those things, we shall neither be barren nor unfruitful.

Albert Miller, Charlie Petty, W. M. Blevins, Committee.

After being discussed by J. S. Evans, S. L. Hart, D. L. Shepherd, Coy Powers, James Barker, on motion and approval, we receive the report and discharge the committee.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

Committee on obituaries report the following: Received 17 obituaries to be printed in the minutes.

On motion and approval we received the report and have the obituaries printed in the minutes and discharge the committee.

E. W. Stansberry, Gordon Tedder,
Edward Hart, Committee.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1954-55

Finance Committee	$165:50
Balance In Treasury	254.55
Total	$420.05
Paid Skyland Post for 1,000 minutes	90.70
Donated James Barker	20.00
Donated E. W. Stansberry	20.00
Donated Laurel Hill Church	100.00
Postage	8.00
Total	$238.70
Balance in Treasury	$181.35

E. W. Stansberry, Secretary and Treasurer.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The committee on finance reports the following:

Baptist View	$ 20.00
Beech Creek	2.60
Covenant	4.50
Flat Grove	8.40
Fox Creek	10.00
Laurel Hill	4.00
Liberty	6.00
Mt. Zion	5.75
Mt. Pleasant Chapel	10.00
New Hope	5.10
New Bethel	6.00
New Bridge	20.00
Oak Grove	7.63
Pine Grove	10.25
Rich Valley	6.00
Silas Creek	9.00
St. Clair's Creek	8.00
Three Top	5.00
White Oak	15.00
Total	$163.23

On motion and approval, the report was received and committee discharged, and E. W. Stansberry appointed secretary and treasurer and authorized to have what minutes that are needed, printed for the churches and was donated $25.00 for his services and on motion and approval, the moderator was donated $20.00 for his services.

Report of committee appointed to write corresponding letters. A letter was read by E. W. Stansberry to the Little River Association and on motion and approval it was received and

the committee discharged and the following appointed to the Little River Association: James Barker, S. L. Hart, Coy Powers, Earl Richardson, Edward Hart, Earl Sexton, E. R. McClure, Conley Wyatt. Upon motion and approval, we give the bearers of the association letter, permission to add on the names of all correspondents that their names don't appear on the letter that are in good standing.

Correction from last year: I, E. W. Stansberry made a mistake and named Baptist Chapel Church when it should have been Baptist Union Church, that needed some repairs and should be taken over as in possession of the Mt. Union Association and on motion and approval the moderator appointed Claud Parsons, James Barker and Carson Barker, as trustees.

Time and place of next association: On motion and approval the next session of the association will convene with White Oak Church on Friday and Saturday before the First Lord's Day in September, 1956.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

On motion and approval, the association extended its heartfelt thanks to the Mt. Zion Church and community at large for the loving care during the association.

THE INTRODUCTORY SERMON

The introductory sermon will be delivered by Elder C. L. Barker and alternate Elder James Bartlebough.

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER, 1955

The service was opened by C. L. Barker, by reading 18th to 37th verses of 20th chapter of Acts and talking some and Earl Richardson offering prayer.

First sermon by Elder J. S. Evans. Text: 16th verse, 3rd chapter St. John.

Last sermon by Elder James Barker. Text: 1st verse of 5th chapter of Corinthians.

All sermons were delivered with great power from on high and the spirit came down in great power and every Christian seemed happy.

ROLL OF MESSENGERS

Baptist View — N. W. Eller, Roby Roland, Gaither Jones.
Beech Creek — Floyd Stines, Clyde Stines.
Covenant — Conley Wyatt, Norman Carpenter, L. C. Greer.
Flat Grove — Quincy Arnold, D. L. Shepherd, Greer Parsons.
Fox Creek — James Barker, Lee Campbell, Willie Barker.
Laurel Hill — W. M. Elliott, G. W. Campbell, Floyd Osborne.
Liberty — Rufus Stuart, Kermit Jones, Walter Blevins.
Mt. Zion — Smith Greer, A. M. Shepherd, Milton Ham.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel — E. R. McClure, Thelma Blevins, Aubrey Turner.
New Hope — Ulis Weaver, Vail Perry, Monroe Perry.
New Bethel — Walter Tedder, Gordon Tedder, Luther Hart.
New Bridge — Emmit Petty, Charlie Petty, John Delp.

Oak Grove — Rowie McNeill, Tom Stanley, Bluford Elliott.
Pine Grove — Albert Miller, W. S. Miller.
Rich Valley — Lundy Elliott, James Brown, Lester Elliott.
St. Clair's Creek — S. L. Hart, W. E. Brown, E. S. Denny.
Silas Creek — Coy Powers, Earl Sexton, Earl Richardson.
Three Top — Ray Roark, Charles Rash, Scott Lewis.
White Oak — E. W. Stansberry, Edward Hart, Tivis Darnell.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

Barker, James ..... Troutdale, Va.
Barker, C. L. ..... Troutdale, Va.
Bartlebough, James ..... Whitehal, Md.
Campbell, G. W. ..... Grayson, N. C.
Carpenter, G. G. ..... Grayson, N. C.
Carpenter, Norman ..... Lansing, N. C.
Darnell, Thomas ..... Lansing, N. C.
Graham, John ..... Husk, N. C.
Hart, S. L. ..... Chilhowie, Va.
Hart, Edward ..... Lansing, N. C.
Hicks, Howard ..... Beech Creek, N. C.
McClure, E. R. ..... Lansing, N. C.
Mink, Batty ..... Meadowview, Va.
Powers, Coy ..... Lansing, N. C.
Powers, Luther ..... Lansing, N. C.
Patrick, V. C. ..... Bluefield, W. Va.
Pruitt, Archie ..... Darlington, Md.
Richardson, Earl ..... Lansing, N. C.
Roberts, Smith ..... Lansing, N. C.
Stines, Charlie ..... Beech Creek, N. C.
Shepherd, D. L. ..... Smethport, N. C.
Sapp, W. O. ..... Comers Rock, Va.
Sexton, Earl ..... Lansing, N. C.
Stuart, Rufus ..... Grassy Creek, N. C.
Testerman, Avery ..... Grassy Creek, N. C.
Woods, E. E. ..... Fig, N. C.
Wyatt, Conley ..... Grayson, N. C.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF LICENSED MINISTERS

Absher, E. L. ..... Nathan's Creek, N. C.
Adams, Vernie ..... Lansing, N. C.
Brown, James ..... Smethport, N. C.
Barker, N. H. ..... Troutdale, Va.
Barr, Joe ..... Chilhowie, Va.
Barrett, Bennie ..... Roanoke, Va.
Brackins, Marvin ..... Darlington, Md.
Campbell, Conley ..... Fig, N. C.
Carter, B. M. ..... Chilhowie, Va.
Eller, N. W. ..... Peachbottom, Pa.
Powers, Vasil ..... Lansing, N. C.
Phillips, Dallas ..... Meadowview, Va.
Petty, Emmitt ..... Darlington, Md.
Price, Harvey ..... Todd, N. C.
Sawyers, W. R. ..... Saltville, Va.
Yates, V. C. ..... Warrensville, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Baptist View — No. officers, 2. No. teachers, 3. No. pupils enrolled, 75. Average attendance, 50.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel — No. officers, 2. No. teachers, 3. No. pupils enrolled, 32. Average attendance, 23.
New Bridge — No. officers, 2. No. teachers, 3. No. pupils enrolled, 72. Average attendance, 25.
Oak Grove — No. officers, 2. No. teachers, 5. No. pupils enrolled, 72. Average attendance, 53.
Pine Grove — No. officers, 2. No. teachers, 4. No. pupils enrolled, 67. Average attendance, 43.
Rich Valley — No. officers, 2. No. teachers, 3. No. pupils enrolled, 45. Average attendance, 35
Silas Creek — No. officers, 2. No. teachers, 3. No. pupils enrolled, 86. Average attendance, 53.
Three Top — No. officers, 2. No. teachers, 4. No. pupils enrolled, 110. Average attendance, 75.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Baptist View — Archie Pruitt, Smith Roberts, James Bartlebough.
Beech Creek — Conley Wyatt, G. G. Carpenter.
Covenant — E. E. Woods, Conley Wyatt, G. G. Carpenter, Norman Carpenter, V. C. Patrick.
Flat Grove — E. E. Woods, G. G. Carpenter.
Fox Creek — James Barker, Earl Richardson.
Laurel Hill — Earl Sexton, G. G. Carpenter.
Liberty — Earl Richardson, Earl Sexton.
Mt. Zion — Earl Sexton, Earl Richardson.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel — E. R. McClure, Coy Powers, Earl Sexton.
New Hope — Earl Sexton, Earl Richardson.
New Bethel — Conley Wyatt, Norman Carpenter.
New Bridge — Archie Pruitt, James Bartlebough, Smith Roberts.
Oak Grove — E. R. McClure, Earl Sexton.
Pine Grove — R. R. McClure, Coy Powers, Earl Richardson, Rufus Stuart.
Rich Valley — Earl Richardson, Earl Sexton.
Silas Creek — E. E. Woods, G. G. Carpenter, Coy Powers.
Luther Powers, Earl Richardson, Earl Sexton.
St. Clair's Creek — C. L. Barker, E. R. McClure.
Three Top — Earl Sexton.
White Oak — W. W. Hart, Conley Wyatt, Edward Hart, C. L. Barker, James Barker, Earl Sexton.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Baptist View — George Eller, Rising Sun, Maryland.
Beech Creek — Coy Stines, Whaley, North Carolina
Covenant — L. C. Greer, Laurel Bloomry, Tennessee.
Flat Grove — Mabel Lewis, Smethport, N. C.
Fox Creek — Willie Barker, Troutdale, Virginia.
Laurel Hill — Conley Campbell, Grayson, N. C.
Liberty — Zenna Blevins, Lansing, N. C.
Mt. Zion — Glenn Elliott, Lansing, N. C.

Mt. Pleasant Chapel — Alene Turner, Crumpler, N. C.
New Hope — Eli Blevins, Whitetop, Virginia.
New Bethel — Gordon Tedder, Whitetop, Virginia.
New Bridge — Emmit Petty, Darlington, Maryland.
Oak Grove — Thomas Elliott, Smethport, N. C.
Pine Grove — J. T. Reedy and Fred Miller, assistant, Warrensville, N. C.
Rich Valley — Glenn Elliott, Fig, North Carolina.
Silas Creek — W. H. Sexton, Lansing, N. C.
St. Clair's Creek — E. S. Denney, Chilhowie, Virginia.
Three Top — W. A. Lewis, Todd, N. C.
White Oak — Paul Hart, Lansing, N. C.

TIME OF COMMUNION FOR EACH CHURCH

Baptist View ..... First Sunday in August
Beech Creek ..... First Sunday in August
Covenant ..... Second Sunday in July
Flat Grove ..... Third Sunday in June
Fox Creek ..... Second Sunday in July
Laurel Hill ..... First Sunday in August
Liberty ..... Third Sunday in August
Mt. Pleasant Chapel ..... Second Sunday in August
Mt. Zion ..... Second Sunday in August
New Bethel ..... First Sunday in July
New Hope ..... Fourth Sunday in August
New Bridge ..... Second Sunday in August
Oak Grove ..... First Sunday in August
Pine Grove ..... Third Sunday in July
Rich Valley ..... Fourth Sunday in June
St. Clair's Creek ..... Fourth Sunday in July
Silas Creek ..... On Sunday after 4th Saturday in July
Three Top ..... First Sunday in August
White Oak ..... Third Sunday in July

STATISTICAL TABLE

	Sunday	No. Ordained Ministers	No. Licensed Ministers	Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Received by Application	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. Males	No. Females	Total of All Sex
Baptist View	1	2	2	6						1	69	95	164
Beech Creek	4	2		3							13	15	28
Covenant	2	4								1	12	21	33
Flat Grove	3	1	1	6	2	5					20	31	51
Fox Creek	2	2	1						1	1	45	64	109
Laurel Hill	1	2	1							1	17	26	43
Liberty	3	2								1	21	44	65
Mt. Pleasant Chapel	2	1	1	9				2			27	52	79
Mt. Zion	2			1				2			14	39	53
New Bethel	1	1						1			11	32	43
New Hope	4									1	11	30	41
New Bridge	2		1	4				2			31	26	57
Oak Grove	1			2				1		2	34	49	83
Pine Grove	3			1				1	3	3	31	67	98
Rich Valley	4	1	1	1							23	40	63
Silas Creek	4	5	2	10		1		4			44	92	136
St. Clair's Creek	4	2	5					2	1	1	35	75	110
Three Top	1	1	1	1				1		1	55	111	166
White Oak	3	2		3					3	4	19	72	91
Total	47	28	16	47	2	6	0	16	8	17	532	981	1513

Obituaries

ASHLEY

Sister Reida Ashley was born in the year 1885, and departed this life May 31, 1954, making her stay on earth 69 years. She was married to Joe Ellis in 1903. Unto this union was born 4 children: Sallie, Cora, Rachel and Walter, to mourn their loss. Her husband passed away several years ago.

Rilda professed a hope in Christ in 1905 andf joined Dansell Hill Church and remained a faithful member until death. She was a kind and faithful mother and was loved by all who knew her. We feel our loss is her eternal gain.

Weep not children and friends, but prepare to meet mother in Heaven. It must be glorious when sufferings are overs and the soul enters the sweet rest that awaits the children of God.

Written by W. M. Elliott

ARMEIN

Callie Armein departed this life November 19, 1954. She was married to Henry Armein and unto this union was born 5 children. She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Fox Creek Baptist church. Later she moved to Maryland. In 1932 she came into the organization of Baptist View Church, at Sharon Maryland, as a charter member. She was sick for severalyears and did not get to attend church, but would often talk about reading the Bible. Dear sister, no one knows how I miss you, but someday we will meet in the Heavenly home.

Written by her sister Celia

ELLIOTT

Myrtle Lewis Elliott was born March 8, 1891, and departed this life October 13, 1954, making her stay on earth 63 years, 6 months and 5 days. She was the daughter of Harvey and Callie Lewis, who, with one sister, Ellen, preceded her in death. She was married to Isaac Elliott, February 6, 1907. She leaves her husband and two brothers and three sisters and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her passing away. She professed a hope in Christ in 1912, joining Pine Grove Baptist Church, living a faithful member until death.

She was a good worker in the church and often led prayer in church services and working with sinners. She was a good companion and neighbor and was loved by all who knew her. She was afflicted for a long time, but bore her suffering with patience, always looking forward to a brighter day. All was done for her that living hands could do.

Isaac, when you are feeling lonely and sad, just think of Jesus and his love. Be patient and it won't be long until Jesus will say your work is done and call you home to meet her again, and be with her where there is no end.

Written by a friend.

HOWELL

Granville Jeremiah Howell, son of Jeremiah and Nancy Howell, was born May 26, 1876, and departed this life October 23, 1954, making his stay on earth 78 years, 4 months and 27 days. He was married to Ida Howell January 6, 1897. To this union was born seven children: four boys and three girls. One girl preceded him in death several years ago.

He professed a hope in Christ about 55 years ago and united with Silas Creek Baptist church. Later he moved his membership to Liberty Baptist church, where he remained a faithful member until the lord, in His great wisdom, called him home. Soon after his profession, he felt the calling of God, to preach the Gospel. He was ordained by the church. He remained faithful to his calling until the Lord knew that his work was done, and called him away. He traveled from church to church through the cold and heat, that he might find the children of God and warn sinners to flee the wrath to come.

During his sickness he told his friends several times that he had a better home he was soon going to. He made lots of friends wherever he went. So weep not companions and children and relatives and friends, but prepare to meet him just over on the sunny bank of deliverance.

Written and worded by his children, Lester, James Saul, Arthur, Berdie, Nona and Ruth.

HAM

Susie Ham, daughter of John A. and Margaret Ham, was born 1869, and departed this life March 19, 1955, making her stay on earth about 86 years.

She is survived by three children: Mrs. Lee Miller, Lester Ham, Joe Ham. Two children, Bertha and Carl, preceded her in death. She professed a hope in Christ and joined White Oak Baptist church, where she remained a faithful member until death.

Her last days were filled with pain and anguish, but she bore it with patience. She was a good neighbor, honest and truthful and kind, and was loved by all who knew her.

She leaves to mourn their loss, three children, four brothers, two sisters, Alice Campbell and Maggie Lewis. Her brothers are Wiley, Wilson Dock and Nelson Ham, and relatives and friends.

HUFFMAN

Robert Huffman, infant son of Robert and Ruth Huffman, was born August 24, 1954, and departed this life, August 25, 1954, making his stay on earth about 25 hours.

Our little one was not permitted to stay on earth long,

for the gentle Shepherd had a better home prepared for him than earth could afford.

God called our little darling,
To that happy home on high;
How it filled our hearts with saddness,
When we had to say goodbye.
But it's in the arms of Jesus,
We hope to meet it some glad day;
We are praying to the Savior,
To help us walk the narrow way.
When we've crossed death's stormy river,
And our work on earth is done;
Don't weep, just say we're gone,
To join our darling little son.

Written by his mother.

HART

Bashie Ham Hart, daughter of Sallie and Mary Ham, was born May 2, 1877, and departed this life May 27, 1955, making her stay on earth 78 years, 25 days.

She was married to James A. Hart, who preceded her in death about 15 years, and unto this union was born 7 children, two of which preceeded her in death. Those living are: Oscar, Willard, Edward, Eula, and Ester. Two brothers, Lunday and Riley Ham; one sister, Sibbie Pennington and 14 grandchildren and one great grandchild, which preceeded her in death. Also a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. She professed a hope in Christ in early life and united with White Oak Baptist church and remained a faithful member until death. She was loved by all who knew her and she bore her sickness patiently. All was done for her that could be, but the Lord knew best to call her to that Heavenly home.

Oh! Mother, how we miss you,
Miss your footsteps to and fro;
Miss your loving voice so tender,
As you used to come and go.

But now you are up in Heaven,
Resting peacefully with God;
And we believe your feet are walking,
Where the angels feet have trod.

Oh! May memory be a precious shining star,
To brighten our pathway,
And guide us where you are.

JOINES

Jennie Catherine Osborne Joines, daughter of William and Celia Osborne, was born September 15, 1870, and died December 11, 1954, making her stay on earth 84 years, 3 months and 4 days. She was married to Rufus H. Joines, March 8, 1890. Unto this union was born 11 children, five boys and six girls.

Two boys and one girl preceded her in death, Warner, Arthur Joines, and Essie DeBord.

She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, and the following children: Lillie Elliott, Zina Elliott, of Lansing; Emmie Greer, Mae Wyatt and Walter Joines, all of Grayson; Rosie Shepherd, Teddy Joines, Elbert Joines, all of Maryland; 37 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined the Horse Creek Primitive Baptist church, later moving her membership to Covenant Baptist church and lived a faithful member until death. She loved to go to church and always welcomed the ministers in her home.

Dear one, how we miss your footsteps to and fro,
Miss your voice so tender, as you used to come and go;
Now you are in Heaven resting peacefully with God,
And I know you are walking, where Angels feet have trod.

MILLER

Roosevelt Miller, son of Jonathan and Amanda Miller, was born July 28, 1915, and died July 18, 1955, making his stay on earth 39 years, 11 months and 20 days.

He leaves two sisters, Gertrude Davis and Annie Stanley; three brothers, Everett Miller, Adam Miller and Junior Miller, and a host of friends to mourn their loss. His father and mother preceded him in death several years ago.

He was a kind and respected neighbor in his community and was loved by all that knew him. He bore his aflictions with patience, but God saw fit to call him and his passing away came sudden to his relatives and friends. We feel that our loss will be his eternal gain.

MILLER

Rinda Chambers Miller was born January 7, 1874, and departed this life December 7, 1954, making her stay on earth, 80 years, and 11 months. She was married to Jordan Miller about 61 years ago, who preceded her in death 26 years ago. Unto this union was born four children: Wells Miller, who preceded her in death; Berdie Clark and Lessie Miller, of Lansing and Annie Miller, of Maryland. She leaves three children, four brothers, 3 sisters, 9 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

She professed a hope in Christ and united with White Oak Church about 17 years ago, where she remained a faithful member until death. She was a good neighbor and kind to all who knew her. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Weep not, loved ones and friends, and live until you can meet her at heaven's door.

MILLER

Watt Miller, son of Jonathan and Lovisie Miller, was born October 24, 1871, and departed this life September 2, 1954, making his stay on earth 83 years, 11 months and 26 days.

He was married to Josie Chambers and to this union was born the following children: Garnie Miller. Velt Miller, Aulsie Richardson, Cleo Miller, Rash Miller, and one son, James, who preceded him in death. He also leaves his companion and 23 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, three brothers and two sisters, with a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

He professed a hope in Christ several years ago and told his companion that he was ready to go when God called him.

PARKS

On Wednesday, December 29, 1954, God sent an angel to claim the soul of our dear mother, Inez Barker Parks.

She was born June 7, 1901, making her stay on earth 53 years, 6 months and 22 days. She was married to Dewey Parks and to this union was born five children, of whom three survive. Mrs. Johnie Vernon, Orley B. Parks and Mrs. Claude Austin; three grandchildren, 5 brothers. one half-brother, 3 sisters, and one half-sister.

She professed a hope in Christ at the age of 18 and joined the Fox Creek Baptist Church, where she remained a member until death.

She has gone to that beautiful shore,
Where parting will be no more;
We miss her down here,
But we hope that someday we can all
Rejoin her up there
Written by her children.

PRUITT

Joseph Howard Pruitt, son of Elder and Mrs. Archie Pruitt, was born October 31, 1935, and died December 11, 1954, making his stay here on earth 19 years, 1 month and 11 days. He leaves a devoted father and mother, one brother, Charles Thomas Pruitt, who is in the U. S. Army; a sister-in-law, Shirley Pruitt, who is making her home with his parents; one half-sister, Rosa Lee Pruitt Brinegar and a host of relatives and friends.

Brother Howard, for some cause best known unto the Lord, has been called away from us in the prime of life. A beloved son, a brother and a friend to all who knew him is gone, never to return on earth. But his sweet and tender life will live forever in our memories.

He professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of Baptist View Church, October 20, 1946.

He has left our hearts aching, but by the Grace of God, we feel we can see Brother Howard again when the flowers will bloom forever in the realness of glory, where Jesus is.

RIDDLE

Thomas Floyd Riddle, son of Rev. John and Lizzie Riddle, was born February 13, 1882, and departed this life May 22, 1955, age 73 years, 3 months, and 9 days. He was married to Emma Rash November 17, 1901. Unto this union was born 10 children, of whom one child, Lee Roy Riddle and also his wife, preceded him in death. He was married again to Bessie Reed Rash, September 13, 1940, and unto this union was born 5 children, making fifteen in all. He is survived by his second wife, one boy and four girls, and three boys and six girls by his first wife, and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren and relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

He professed a hope in Christ at an early age, and died belonging to Flat Grove Church. He was a true Christian and loved by all who knew him.

The loneliness in our hearts,
Is all that we can bear,
We miss you more each day,
Since God called you to his care.

You are not dead, not lost,
But gone on before:
You live with us in memory,
And will forever more.
More and more each day we miss you.

Written by his wife.

SEXTON

Arthur Sexton was born January 17, 1880 and died May 1, 1955, making his stay on earth 75 years, 3 months and 14 days. He was married to Eller Parsons and unto this union was born 8 children. He professed a hope in Christ several years ago and joined the Missionary Baptist Church in Tennessee, and lived a devoted Christian life until death.

He called his children and told them to meet him in a better world. Just before he died, he tried to sing an old song, and clapped his hands for joy. We believe as we saw him pass away, that he is basking in the sunlight of heaven and that our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by W. H. Sexton.

STIDHAMS

Louise Stidhams was born July 22, 1879, and died May 13, 1955, making her stay on earth, 75 years, 9 months and 26 days. Unto her was born 8 children, one of whom preceded her in death and the rest living: John Stidhams, Smith Stidhams, Mary Hart, Mrs. Luther Miller, Mrs. Sarah Stidhams, Mrs. Belvia Miller, James Stidhams. She leaves to mourn their loss, 7 children, 14 grandchildren, and one great grandchild; one brother, Jesse Stidham and two sisters, Charity Stidhams

and Laura Stamper. One brother preceded her in death.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined White Oak Baptist church and lived a faithful member until death.

Dear mother is just waiting,
Inside of Heaven's door;
How we miss you, no one can tell,
But someday we will meet you, where parting
is no more.

WILLIAMS

On July 6, 1921, he was married to Rebecca Larimer, who survives him.

While a young man he made a profession of faith and joined Oak Grove Union Baptist Church at Warrensville, North Carolina, later moving his membership to St. Clair's Creek Union Baptist Church, of which he was a faithful member until death.

Funeral service was held Sunday, July 19, at 3:00 p. m. at the home with Elder James Barker officiating, assisted by the Rev. Fred Harcum and the Rev. Sam Hart. Burial followed in the McClure cemetery on St. Clair's Creek, south of Chilhowie.

Pallbearers were grandsons. Flower girls were granddaughters.

Written by Mrs. Jesse Williams.

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MINUTES

OF THE

NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Mountain Union Baptist Association

Composed of Messengers From The Regular Baptist Churches In Our Union

Convened With

BEECH CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 5 & 6, 1958

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ELDER EARL SEXTON, Moderator ..... Lansing, N. C.

E. W. STANSBERRY, Clerk ..... Lansing, N. C.

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The Next Session Of The Association Will Convene With Mt. Pleasant Chapel Church, 3 Miles From Jefferson, N. C. On Friday And Saturday Before The First Lord's Day In September, 1959.

Introductory Sermon By Elder Coy Powers, Lansing, N. C.; Alternate, Elder Smith Roberts, Lansing, N. C.

A BAPTIST CHURCH

By a Baptist Church in the document is meant such a Baptis church as avowedly believes and distinctly teaches among other Bible tenets the following: The essential deity of Jesus Christ, the full inspiration and authority of the Bible as the written Word of God, the absolute necessity of regeneration; salvation by grace through faith in Christ's atoning blood; scriptural baptism and membership in a Baptist church as orderly and essential prerequisities to communion at the Lord's Supper as observed among Baptist.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one
2. We believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.
5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
7. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and Feet-Washings are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances and we believe the only mode of baptism is by immersion.
8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; and that the joys of the righteous;; and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the hand of the Presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at the time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is done speaking.
4. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on any persons who spoke, by making remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall state fairly the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
5. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from the Association for his absence.
6. No person shall speak more than three times on one

subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sittings of same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

8. No member of the Association shall address another by any appelation except that of brother.

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violates the Rules of Decorum.

10. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Sceretary and called over as often as the Association shall request.

11. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote unless Association be equally divided, then he may give the deciding vote..

12. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be known by the name of Mountain Union Baptist Association and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union and duly sent to represent the Association, who, on producing letters shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates; in their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, recived by letters, by application; dismissed by letter, excluded, and dead since last Association.

Article 2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have an ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any eternal right over any church in her Union.

Article 3. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular decorum.

Article 4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually by a majority vote of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

Article 5. New churches or any Baptist church of our faith and order, in good standing, either dismissed by letter from sister associations or by application by sending up letters and delegates shall be admitted into the Union.

Article 6. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

Article 7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Article 8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of its proceedings. The best method of accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Associations.

Article 9. We think it necessary to have an Associational Fund to defray the expenses of the Association, and it's the duty of each church in the Union to contribute sums as they think proper to the Association and these moneys shall be deposited with the treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

Article 10. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

Article 11. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

Article 12. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they deem it expedient, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

Article 13. The Association shall act as advisory counsel and shall endeavor to preserve a general Union among the churches, and give advice in matters of difficulty.

Article 14. The Association shall inquire into the cause, if any church fails at any time to be represented in the Association.

Article 15. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

Article 16. The Association may correspond with sister Associations and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing who may be of our faith and order, to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

Article 17. The Association shall have the power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

Article 18. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain the same as they may choose.

CHURCH COVENANT

We do now, in the presence of Almighty God and in the faith of the Gospel and by the present help of Divine Grace unitedly give ourselves to God Almighty, father, son and Holy Ghost. To be for Him and no other, freely submitting ourselves to Him, to be at His disposal, that He may be glorified by us and through us. We agree to take the Bible as our only rule of faith and practice, regarding the Old Testament as containing the Ordinances of the Old Dispensation and New Testament as containing the Ordinances of the New Dispensation. We agree to contend earnestly both by precept and example for the whole of that faith which Christ has once for all delivered to His saints. That we will strive together for the support of

a faithful evangelical ministry among us and through life amid evil report and good report seek to live to the Glory of Him, who hast called us out of darkness into the marvelous light, having given ourselves unto Him, we freely and joyfully give ourselves unto one another by the will of God and bearing each other's burdens, participating in each other's joys, that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect the great duty of prayer for ourselves and for others.

That we will endeavor to bring up such as may at any time be under our care in the nature and admonition of the Lord. We engage to watch over each other in love and to hold communion together in all the ordinances of the Gospel. Submitting ourselves to the discipline which Christ requires in His church. Searching His word and praying for His spirit that we may increase in knowledge and in joy a clear manifestation of the Ministry of Godliness and of the Glory of His Kingdom, continually looking and waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever, Amen.

Proceedings

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1958

The Mountain Union Baptist Association of Regular churches met in session with Beech Creek church, September 5, 1958.

Service was opened by Elder Coy Powers by reading 8 verses of 4th chapter of 2nd Timothy and preaching a good sermon.

Introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Rufus Stuart. Text: 19th verse of 14th chapter of Romans and Elder Earl Sexton preached a good sermon.

After an intermission the messengers reassembled in the house for the transaction of business.

The Association was opened by Elder Lillard Miller by reading the 10th chapter of St. John and making a nice talk and offering prayer.

The moderator called for the Associational letters. There were 20 received and read by E. W. Stansberry, the clerk, and Elder Coy Powers.

The moderator, Elder Earl Sexton, seated the messengers for the transaction of business.

On motion and approval we received the just read letters.

On motion and approval they proceeded to elect a moderator and clerk by secret ballot.

The moderator appointed Elders J. S. Evans, Quincy Higgins, and Bert Anders as tellers.

The tellers reported Elder Earl Sexton as moderator and E. W. Stansberry as clerk

On motion and approval the report was received and the tellers discharged.

On motion and approval it was decided to give the moderator authority to publish an open door for the reception of new churches of our faith and order. Three came forward with

letters. Mt. Olive and New Home from the state of Washington, and Little Vine from West Virginia.

After being discussed by Elders Clifford Greene, Norman Carpenter, James Barker, Walter Greene, Coy Powers, Earl Sexton, and Brother Willie Barker.

On motion and approval we consider these churches until the next session of our association.

On motion and approval corresponding brethren of our faith and order were invited to sit with us.

The Little River Association presented a letter and was read by E. W. Stansberry and the visitors that came forward and seated were: Elders J. S. Evans, Bert Anders, Quincy Higgins and Brothers Price Lowe, and John M. Tucker.

On motion and approval the moderator called for brethren of our faith and order desiring seats with us; those that came forward were Brothers Clarence Roland, R. L. Brackins, Marvin R. Brackins, L. C. Greer, Cecil Cheek, Fred Wyatt, Noah Eller, Rowie McNeill, and Willie Sexton.

On motion and approval the moderator was invested with the authority to make all temporary appointments of the association, where upon he appointed the following:

Ministry — J. E. Elliott, Emsby Absher, Lundy Elliott, and delegates of Beech Creek church.

Temperance — Johnnie Rash, Spencer Howell, Edward Hart.

Resolutions — D. L. Shepherd, Luther Powers, E. R. McClure.

Finance — Jones Parsons, Kermit Jones, Cecil Petty.

Sabbath Schools — Graham Perkins, Hurdle Hash, Conley Wyatt.

Arrangements — Walter Greene, James Barker, Charlie Tedder, and the moderator and clerk and corresponding brethren.

Obituaries — Ray Roark, Cobern Adams, George Eller.

The moderator appointed Elder Coy Powers to write a corresponding letter to the Little River Association.

The committee on Ministry reports preaching at 7:30 Friday night: Elder Conley Wyatt, Bert Anders, Lillard Miller.

Saturday morning: Elders Glenn Johnson, J. S. Evans, Hugh Campbell.

Saturday evening: To open service, Elder E. R. McClure. To preach, Elders Bert Anders, George Campbell.

Saturday night: To open service, Norman Carpenter. To preach, Elders Henry Woods and James Barker.

Sunday morning: To open service, Smith Roberts. To preach, J. S. Evans and Earl Sexton.

On motion and approval the association adjourn until Saturday morning.

The session was closed by Elder Bert Anders by reading the 5th chapter of Matthew and singing "Amazing Grace" and offering prayer.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1958

The association met in a devotional service before the moderator called the association to order by singing a number of spiritual songs and Elder Walter Greene open services by talking some and reading the 23rd chapter of Psalms of David and Smith Roberts offered prayer.

The association was called to order by the moderator and J. S. Evans made a nice talk and read the 1st chapter of Psalms and singing "How Firm A Foundation" and offering prayer.

The roll of messengers was read by the clerk.

The committee on arrangements reports a bill of items.

On motion and approval the bill was received and the committee discharged and the items taken up as listed.

The minutes of the session held September 5, 1958 were read and approved granting, the clerk authority to make any needed corrections.

The Rules of Decorum were read by the clerk.

On motion and approval corresponding Brethren of our faith and order were invited to sit with us. None responded.

On motion and approval visiting Brethren of our faith and order were invited to sit with us. Those that came forward were: N. H. Barker.

On motion and approval we received the visiting brother.

The corresponding Brethren appointed to visit the Little River Association reported they went and found they had a good association and were in peace and love and the spirit was with them and they were trying to hold onto the old way.

On motion and approval we received the report and discharged the committee.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

On motion and approval we received the report and discharged the committee.

RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Resolutions was to make a report and after it was read, on motion and approval we received the report and discharged the committee.

RESOLUTIONS

As we endeaver to write a resolution let us resolve to love one another more in the churches for the cause of Christ, for the labors are few and work more for peace among us. Let us resolve to use the King James Version Bible as our only Bible, let it be our faith and practice that we attend our church meetings and also our revivals and Sunday Schools and that we spend more time in prayer. We, by doing so, God will bless us more and more, will be added to the churches and churches will have a great drawing power towards the sinner.

D. L. Shepherd, E. R. McClure, Luther Powers, Committee.

Committee on Sabbath Schools made a report. They advised we reprint the one used last year, 1957, on Sabbath Schools with one change as we see we are growing number of churches that are running Sunday Schools

After being discussed by D. L. Shepherd, Coy Powers, Henry Woods, E. R. McClure, N. H. Barker, Albert Miller, James Barker, and Earl Sexton.

On motion and approval we received the report and discharged the committee.

SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following:

We advise all churches in our union to organize and maintain Sabbath Schools. We further advise our preachers and deacons to try and influence our churches to have Sabbath Schools as we see a number of churches in our union have organized Sunday Schools but a few have failed to do so which we need to do. We advise our churches to use Christians for their officers and teachers and to use the Bible for their text books as we think Sabbath Schools is the life of the churches. GALLEY 3 Mountain Union Baptist Association Galley 3

Graham Perkins, Hurdle Hash, Conley Wyatt, Committee.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

Committee on Temperance was called to make a report and reccomended we reprint the one printed in the minutes of 1957.

After being discussed by Elders James Barker, Edward Hart, Coy Powers, Norman Carpenter, Conley Wyatt, Henry Woods, Earl Sexton, E. R McClure, D. L. Shepherd, G. W. Campbell and Bro. Worth Shepherd. On motion and approval we received the report and discharged the committee.

TEMPERANCE

We your committee on Temperance report the following: We advise all the churches in our union to be temperate in all things especially in strong drinks which are determental to the cause of Christ and his kingdom, also to the health of those who participate in drinking strong beverages. We advise all our churches to use the King James Bible and beware of the false doctrine for many false teachers have gone out into the world. We also advise our churches not to let any disorderly preachers in our churches until they set themselves in order. We should be temperate in our everyday walk of life and speech. Therefore, brethren add to your knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience Godliness, and in doing these things we shall neither be barren nor unfruitful. See 2nd Peter 1:6,7,8, verses.

Johnnie Rash, Spencer Howell, Edward Hart, Committee.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

Committee on obituaries report the following: Received obituaries to be printed in the minutes.

On motion and approval we receive the report and have the obituaries printed in the minutes and discharge the committee.

Roy Roark, Cobern Adams, George Eller, Committee.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORT FOR 1957-58

Finance Committee	$214.33
Balance in Tresaury	225.20
Total	$439.53
Donated Earl Sexton, Moderator	20.00
Donated E. W. Stansberry, Clerk	25.00
Donated Beech Creek Church	100.00
Paid Skyland Post for Minutes	100.00
Paper twine and postage	8.35
Total	$253.53
Balance due Association	$186.00

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance reports the following:

Beech Creek	$ 4.00
Baptist Chapel	10.00
Baptist View	20.00
Covenant	4.00
Flat Grove or Buffalo Baptist Church	11.00
Fox Creek	10.00
Laurel Hill	7.00
Little Valley	10.00
Liberty	5.00
Mt. Zion	9.00
Mt. Pleasant Chapel	10.00
New Hope	6.50
New Bethel	5.75
New Bridge	20.00
Oak Grove	10.45
Pine Grove	10.00
Rich Valley	6.00
Silas Creek	9.50
Three Top	11.00
White Oak	15.00
2 churches from Washington	10.00
Total	$204.20

On motion and approval the report was received and the committee discharged and E W. Stansberry appointed secretary and treasurer and authorized to have what minutes that are needed printed for the churches and was donated $25.00 for his services and on motion and approval the moderator was donated $20.00 for his services.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO WRITE CORRESPONDING LETTERS

A letter was read by E. W. Stansberry to the Little River Association and on motion and approval it was received and the committee discharged and the following appointed to the Little River Association:

Elders Coy Powers, Edward Hart, Henry Woods, James Barker, Conley Wyatt, Norman Carpenter, Earl Sexton and Brothers N. H. Barker, Willie Barker, Quinton Hart, Carl Hart, Tevis Darnell, and Willie Sexton.

On motion and approval of the association that they give the one that carries the letter authority to add on any name of a corespondent that goes to the Little River Association that is in good standing with their home church.

Upon motion and approval we send a committee to St. Clair's Creek church to make an inquiry as to why they failed to represent at the Association. The committee are as follows: Henry Woods, George Eller, Norman Carpenter, Emsly Absher, Willie Barker, Earl Sexton, and said committee are to report back at the next session of the association.

Upon motion and approval the association give the Little Vine church advice on how to organize a church of which Elders Coy Powers, Henry Woods, Clifford Greene, N. H. Barker, Norman Carpenter, Walter Greene, and Bro. Lane.

Delegates voted for Little Vine to organize a church and upon motion and approval if Little Vine church call for the ordained authority from any of the churches in the Mountain Union Baptist Association to help organize a church for them to go if they could.

After a vote of the delegates we received $10.00 from the 2 churches of the state of Washington for the minute fund and to send them all the minutes they will be due according to the minute fund.

After being discussed it was decided by some of the delegates if they wanted to send a contribution to the Baptist Hospital to leave that to the churches how much and what to send the hospital.

On motion and approval we add on to the Statistical table the value of church houses and church property.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

On motion and approval the association extended its heartfelt thanks to Beech Creek church and the community at large for their loving care during the association.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ASSOCIATION

On motion and approval the next session of the Association will convene with Mt. Pleasant Chapel Church on Friday and Saturday before the first Lord's Day in September, 1959.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON

The introductory sermon will be delivered by Elder Coy Powers and alternate, Smith Roberts.

Elder Clifford Greene put away his wife for fornication and adultry.

On motion and approval we received the reading of the minutes and give the clerk authority to correct all mistakes and why Clifford Greene put away his wife.

Earl Sexton, Moderator
E. W. Stansberry, Clerk.

Upon motion and approval we come to dismission.

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 7, 1953

The service was opened by Elder Smith Roberts by reading the 3rd Chapter of Malachi and making a nice talk and Elder Coy Powers offering prayer.

First sermon by Elder J. S. Evans, Text: 9th and 19th verse of the 12th chapter of Romans.

Last sermon by Elder Earl Sexton, Text: 12th verse of the 4th chapter of Amos.

All sermons were delivered with great power from on high and the spirit came down in great power and every Christian seemed happy.

VALUE OF CHURCH HOUSES AND CHURCH PROPERTY

Baptist Chapel	$2,000.00
Beech Creek	4,000.00
Baptist View	6,000.00
Covenant	1,800.00
Flat Grove or Buffalo Baptist Church	2,000.00
Fox Creek	2,000.00
Liberty	2,000.00
Little Valley	2,500.00
Laurel Hill	2,000.00
Mt. Zion	2,000.00
Mt. Pleasant Chapel	2,000.00
New Hope	1,000.00
New Bethel	2,000.00
New Bridge	8,000.00
Oak Grove	3,000.00
Pine Grove	1,500.00
Rich Valley	1,500.00
Silas Creek	2,000.00
Three Top	1,500.00
White Oak	2,000.00

ROLL OF MESSENGERS

Baptist Chapel — Curtis Deboard. Blaine Testerman, Hurdle Hash.
Beech Creek — Howard Hicks, Jack Guy, James Stines.
Baptist View — Roby Roland, Gaither Jones, George Eller.
Covenant — Conley Wyatt, Norman Carpenter, G. G. Carpenter.
Fox Creek — James Barker, Willie Barker, Lee Campbell.

Flat Grove — D. L. Shepherd, Greer Parsons, Henry Woods.
Liberty — Rufus Stuart, Kermit Jones, Walter Blevins.
Laurel Hill — G. W. Campbell, Conley Campbell.
Little Valley — Albert Lester, Walter Greene, Clifford Greene.
Mt. Zion — J. E. Elliott, Worth Shepherd, Glenn Elliott.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel — E. L. Absher, E. R. McClure, A. J. Turner.
New Hope — Ulis Weaver.
New Bethel — Charlie Tedder, Quinton Hart, Carl Hart.
New Bridge — Charlie Petty, Calon Adams, Cecil Petty.
Oak Grove — Spencer Howell, Conley Johnston, Jones Parsons.
Pine Grove — Fred Miller, Albert Miller, Frank Sawyer.
Rich Valley — Lundy Elliott, J. B. Graybeal
Silas Creek — Earl Sexton, Coy Powers, Luther Powers.
Three Top — Ray Roark, W G. Perkins, J. S. Rash.
White Oak — E. W. Stansberry, Edward Hart, Tevis Darnell.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Barker, James	Troutdale, Va.
Brackins, Marvin	Address not given
Bartlebough, James	Whitehall, Md.
Belcher, Morgan	Chilhowie, Va.
Campbell, G. W.	Grayson, N. C.
Carpenter, G. G.	Grayson, N. C.
Carpenter, Norman	Lansing, N. C.
Darnell, Thomas	Lansing, N. C.
Graham, John	Husk, N. C.
Hart, W. W.	Tuckerdale, N. C.
Hart, S. L.	Chilhowie, Va.
Hart, Edward	Lansing, N. C.
Hicks, Howard	Banner Elk, N. C.
Miller, Lillard	Toughkenamon, Pa.
Mink, Batty	Abingdon, Va.
McClure, E. R.	Lansing, N. C.
McKenney, Leonard	Herndon, W. Va.
Lester, Albert	Ikes Fork, W. Va.
Greene, Walter	Tams, W. Va.
Greene, Clifford	Superior, W. Va.
Powers, Coy	Lansing, N. C.
Powers, Luther	Lansing, N. C.
Patrick, V. C.	Bluefield, W. Va.
Pruitt, Archie	Darlington, Md.
Petty, Emmit	Darlington, Md.
Roberts, Smith	Lansing, N. C.
Sizemore, Johnny	McGraws, W. Va.
Shepherd, D. L.	Smethport, N. C.
Sapp, W. D.	Comers Rock, Va.
Sexton, Earl	Lansing, N. C.
Testerman, Avery	Grassy Creek, N. C.
Woods, E. E.	Fig, N. C.
Wyatt, Conley	Grayson, N. C.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF LICENSED MINISTERS

Absher, E. L. ..... Crumpler, N. C.
Adams, Vernie ..... Lansing, N. C.
Brown, James ..... Smethport, N. C.
Barker, N. H. ..... Troutdale, Va.
Barr, Joe ..... Chilhowie, Va.
Barrett, Bennie ..... Roanoke, Va.
Carter, B. N. ..... Chilhowie, Va.
Campbell, Conley ..... Grayson, N. C.
Elder, N. W. ..... Peach Bottom, Pa.
Johnson, Glenn ..... Clifton, N. C.
Phillips, Dallas ..... Abingdon, Va.
Price, Harvey ..... Todd, N. C.
Sawyer, W. R. ..... Saltville, Va.
Woods, Henry ..... Grayson, N. C.
Yates, B. C. ..... Warrensville, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Baptist Chapel — No. officers, 2; No. teachers, 3; No. pupils enrolled, 37; Average attendance, 30.
Baptist View — No. officers, 2; No. teachers, 4; No. pupils enrolled, 64: Average attendance, 38.
Fox Creek — No. officers, 2: No. teachers, 4; No. pupils enrolled, 69; Average attendance, 43.
New Bridge — No. officers, 1: No. teachers, 3; No. pupils enrolled, 44; Average attendance, 34.
Oak Grove — No. officers, 2; No. teachers, 4; No. pupils enrolled, 85; Average attendance, 65.
Pine Grove — No. officers, 2; No. teachers, 4; No. pupils enrolled, 47; Average attendance, 30.
Rich Valley — No. officers, 2; No. teachers, 2; No. pupils enrolled, 35; Average attendance, 25.
Three Top — No. officers, 2; No. teachers, 4; No. pupils enrolled, 75; Average attendance, 40.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Beech Creek — Edward Hart, Conley Wyatt.
Baptist Chapel — Earl Sexton.
Baptist View — Archie Pruitt, James Bartlebought, Marvin Brackins, Smith Roberts, M. F. Pruitt. Emmitt Petty.
Covenant — Conley Wyatt, G. G. Carpenter, Norman Carpenter.
Buffalo — E. E. Woods, Earl Sexton.
Fox Creek — James Barker, Edwards Hart, Luther Powers.
Liberty — Earl Sexton, Rufus Stuart.
Little Valley — Walter Greene, Leonard McKinney, Johnny Sizemore, Albert Lester, Clifford Greene.
Laurel Hill — E. E. Woods, G. G. Carpenter.
Mt. Zion — Earl Sexton.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel — Coy Powers, E. R. McClure, Earl Sexton.
New Hope — Earl Sexton, Norman Carpenter.
New Bethel — Conley Wyatt, Norman Carpenter, John Graham.
New Bridge — Smith Roberts, Archie Pruitt, Emmitt Petty, Marvin Brackins, Millard Pruitt, James Bartlebough.
Oak Grove — E. R. McClure, Earl Sexton.

Pine Grove -- E. R. McClure, Coy Powers, Luther Powers.
Rich Valley — Earl Sexton.
Silas Creek — Earl Sexton, Coy Powers, E. E. Woods, Luther Powers, Smith Roberts.
Three Top — Coy Powers, Earl Sexton.
White Oak -- Conley Wyatt, Earl Sexton, W. W. Hart, Edward Hart.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Baptist View — George Eller, Rising Sun, Md.
Beech Creek — Clyde Stines, Elk Park, N. C.
Baptist Chapel — Lula Testerman, Grassy Creek, N. C. .
Covenant — L. C. Greer, Laurel Bloomery, Tenn.
Buffalo — Mabel Lewis, West Jefferson, N. C.
Fox Creek -- Willie Barker, Troutdale, Va.
Liberty — Zenna Belvins, Lansing, N. C.
Little Valley — Lloyd Lester, Ikes Fork, W. Va.
Laurel Hill — W. M. Elliott, Grayson, N. C.
Mt. Zion — Glenn Elliott, Lansing, N .C.
Mt. Pleasant Chapel — Alene Turner, Crumpler, N. C.
New Hope — Eli Blevins, White Top, Va.
New Bethel — Carl Hart, Tuckerdale, N. C.
New Bridge — Charlie Petty, Liberty Grove, Md.
Oak Grove — Thomas Elliott, West Jefferson, N. C.
Pine Grove — J. T. Reedy and Fred Miller, Warrensville, N. C.
Rich Valley — Glenn Elliott, Fig, N. C.
Silas Creek — W. H. Sexton, Lansing, N. C.
Three Top — W. A. Lewis, Lansing, N. C.
White Oak — Paul Hart, Lansing, N. C.

TIME OF COMMUNION FOR EACH CHURCH

Baptist View ..... First Sunday in August
Beech Creek .. .. Fourth Sunday in August
Baptist Chapel ..... First Sunday in August
Covenant ..... Second Sunday in July
Buffalo ..... Third Sunday in June
Fox Creek ..... Second Sunday in July
Little Valley ..... Fourth Sunday in June
Laurel Hill ..... First Sunday in August
Liberty ..... Third Sunday in August
Mt. Zion ..... Second Sunday in August
Mt. Pleasant Chapel ..... Second Sunday in August
New Hope ..... Fourth Sunday in August
New Bethel ..... First Sunday in July
New Bridge ..... Second Sunday in August
Oake Grove ..... First Sunday in August
Pine Grove ..... Third Sunday in July
Rich Valley ..... Fourth Sunday in June
St. Clairs Creek ..... Fourth Sunday in July
Silas Creek ..... On Sunday after Fourth Saturday in July.
Three Top ..... First Sunday in August
White Oak ..... Third Sunday in July

STATISTICAL

	Sunday	No. Ordained Ministers	No. Licensed Ministers	Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Received by Application	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Deceased	No. Males	No. Females	Total of All Members
Baptist Chapel	1			1			1		2		22	28	51
Beech Creek	4	1		1		2		0		1	10	11	21
Baptist View	1	3	1	3					1		81	115	196
Covenant	2	4											
Buffalo	3	1	2	1					1		13	21	34
Fox Creek	2	1	1					1			21	34	55
Little Valley	4	5		3		14				1	38	61	99
Laurel Hill	1	2	1	4				1		1	14	12	26
Liberty	3	2		4							22	33	55
Mt. Zion	2			1	3						23	46	69
Mt. Pleasant Chapel	2	1	1					1	1		18	41	59
New Hope	4								2	1	29	52	81
New Bethel	1	1		5						2	9	27	36
New Bridge	2	1		3		4	2	1		1	16	37	53
Oak Grove	1			3	3		1			1	43	48	91
Pine Grove	3							2		1	42	69	111
Rich Valley	4	1	1	2							32	74	106
Silas Creek	4	4	1				1	1		2	24	41	65
Three Top	1	1	2	3				1			43	96	139
White Oak	3	3		1			3		3		60	111	171
Total		31	10	34	6	20	8	8	9	11	584	1041	1625

Obituaries

BLEVINS

Elizabeth Blevins departed this life on earth January 10, 1958, making her stay on earth 83 years. She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined New Hope Church when it was first organized and was a faithful member up until her death. She leaves her husband, Wiley Blevins, and two sons, Eli Blevins and Elisha Blevins, and one daughter, Lydia Ball, and one son, Thomas Blevins, preceded her in death. She also leaves three grandchildren to mourn their loss.

Dear Mother how we miss you,
We feel you have gone to rest.
Some day we hope to meet you
In heaven with the saved and blessed.

CLARK

Lois Gennett Clark, daughter of Vaughn and Ruth Clark, was born October 21, 1953, making her stay on earth 4 years and 3 months. She leaves to mourn their loss father, mother and two sisters and one half brother and her grandparents and a number of relatives and friends.

Sleep on little Lois,
Take your rest.
God called you home
Because he knew it best.

HART

Maude Hart, daughter of James and Rachel Hart, was born June 10, 1894, making her stay on earth 62 years, 10 months and 2 days. She departed this life April 12, 1957. Father and Mother preceded her in death. She is survived by one brother, Verna Hart, and one sister, Daisy Hart, six neices and four nephews and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. She was loved by all who knew her. A vacant seat is left in the home. But Heaven has gained another jewel. Our loss is her eternal gain.

HART

Oscar Lee Hart, the son of James and Bashie Hart, was born August 9, 1898. Departed this life March 9, 1957, making his stay on earth 58 years and 7 months. He was married to Mary Stidhams May 14, 1926, and unto this union was born one son, Paul Hart. He professed a hope in Christ and joined White Oak Baptist church, April 20, 1940, and later was ordained a deacon and served faithfully until death. He leaves his wife, one son, two brothers, and two sisters. Father, Mother, one brother, and one sister preceded him in death. He was

loved by all who knew him. He leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. We feel our loss is his eternal gain.

A dear father from us is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which can never be filled.
Thou art gone our precious father,
Until we meet you over the river
In that happy dwelling place.

HOWELL

George A. Howell, son of the late Robert and Matilda Howell, was born July 29, 1895, and died March 2, 1958 making his stay on earth 62 years, 8 months and 5 days. He was united in marriage to Carrie Combs November 1, 1922, to this union was born seven children; four girls, one son, one having preceeded him in death. Those who survive are his wife and Lawrence, Eugene and Mrs. Hazel Graham, Mrs. Helene Shenk and Mrs. Norman Duvall and Shirley of the home and eight grandchildren. He also leaves four brothers and two sisters and a host of friends to mourn their loss. Two sisters preceeded him in death. He professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Liberty church and on August 16, 1931, he moved his membership to Baptist View where he remained a faithful member until death.

Farewell wife and children dear,
No more will we see each other here.
But may we meet on Canaan's shore,
And sing God's praise forever more.

JOHNSON

Elvie Florence Johnson was born September, 1890 and died April 10, 1958 at the age of 67 years and 5 months. She was married to Sallie Porter Johnson March 25, 1906, and to this union was born ten children. Two died in early life. She leaves eight children, twenty-one grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and her husband to mourn their loss She is also survived by four brothers, three sisters and a host of friends. She professed a hope in Christ in early life and lived a good Christian life until her death. We can only say our loss is her eternal gain. We feel she is in Heaven resting from her labors. We wouldn't wish her back but we can go to her in that Heavenly home where there is no parting.

Written by W. M. Elliott.

JOINES

Rufus Hugh Andrew Joines was born August 14, 1868, departed this life November 19, 1957, making his stay on earth 89 years, 3 months and 5 days. He was married to Jennie Osborne and unto this union was born eleven children. His wife and three children preceded him in death, Warner, Arthur, Essie. Eight children were left to mourn their loss. They are: Lillie Elliott, Zina Elliott, Todd Joines, Elbert Joines, Rosa Shepherd, Emma Greer, Walter Joines, Mae Wyatt, and 36

grandchildren, also a host of friends and neighbors. He professed a hope in Christ early in life and united with Laurel Hill church. He kept the faith once delivered to the saints. He was also one of the early pioneers of this country and helped build up his community. You know we all hated to see him go but the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh, Blessed be the name of the Lord.

MILLER

Ray A. Miller, son of Ambrose and Dora Miller, was born November 22, 1907, departed this life April 5, 1958. Making his stay on earth 50 years, 4 months and 13 days. He was married to Ola Wilcox in 1929 and unto this union was born nine children. Two preceeded him in death. His mother also preceeded him in death. He is survived by his father, Ambrose Miller, also his wife, seven children: Neida Roop, Junior, Elmer, Juanita, Pauline, Carlene and Dare. One grandchild, four brothers and one sister, also a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. A loving father from us is gone, a voice we loved is stilled. A chair is vacant in our home that never can be filled. Thou are gone our precious one, never more we'll see thy face till we meet beyond the river in that happy dwelling place.

MILLER

Emmett Worth Miller, born August 6, 1902, died November 16, 1956, age 54 years, 3 months and 10 days. Wife, Adell Osborne Miller.

Children: Mrs. Irene Walls, Okie James, Ruth Whett, all of Arlington, Va., and these children are by his first wife, and Ward, Maxine and Anna Lee of the home and one sister, Mrs. Carver Thomas, of Daswell, Va., and Carl, Burl, Wayne, and Paul Miller are brothers living in Ashe county and one brother, Ray, of Delaware. Son of Ambrose Miller of Tuckerdale, N. C.

MILLER

Judy Miller, daughter of Garvis and Belvia Miller, was born February 24, 1958, and departed this life March 7, 1958, making her stay on earth 11 days. She leaves father, mother, seven brothers, one sister and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain and we can meet her in Heaven some day where sorrow will come no more.

MILLER

Nancy Ellen Miller, born September 10, 1871, deceased July 13, 1958, making her stay on earth 86 years, 10 months and 3 days. She was married to Thomas Miller, 58 years ago, who preceeded her in death. To this union was born seven children, five living, Carl Miller, Joe Miller, Mrs. Paul Parsons, Mrs. Bill Hardin, and Mrs. Emmitt Jones Two children preceeded in death, George Miller and Mrs. Callie Elliott. Three brothers, George, Jess and Edd Eller and two sisters, Mrs.

Bertha Turnmire, and Mrs. Bessie Reed, survive her She has two brothers and four sisters who preceeded her in death. Also surviving are 29 grandchildren and 35 great grand children and a host of friends. She professed a hope in early life. She joined Rich Hill Baptist church and later moved her membership to Oak Grove Baptist church where she lived a faithful Christian life until her death.

RICHARDSON

Melvin Floyd Richardson, son of Andy and Sara Richardson, was born October 3, 1877, and departed this life September 29, 1958, making his stay on earth 80 years. 11 months, and 26 days. He was married to Lessie Campbell May 20, 1920, and unto this union was born four children, Albert, which preceeded him in death and three daughters which are left to mourn their loss, Francis Walton, Vinus Walton and Elsie Seats, he also leaves twelve grandchildren and one brother living. He professed a hope in Christ and joined White Oak Baptist church May 20, 1944, and remained a faithful member until death. He was good to attend his church as long as he was able and we feel he has left a good example for his children. So weep not companion and children but live to meet Brother Melvin in Heaven where death can come no more and parting will be no more.

ROTEN

Norman Wayne Roten was born October 11, 1930, departed this life November 25, 1957, making his stay on earth 27 years, one month, and fourteen days. He was married to Melba W. Roten and unto this union was born four children, Betty Jean, Eddie, Carroll, and Jerry. He also leaves father, mother, Gray and Della Roten, two brothers, Vaughn, Delmer and one sister, Dorothy, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his departure. Our loss is his eternal gain. He professed a hope in Christ seven years ago and joined Rich Valley church and remained a faithful member until death. He was always kind to everyone and ready to help in time of need. He bore his illness with patience. He was always smiling and saying he was ready to go and there was nothing in his way.

He would read his Bible on his bed in the hospital to others sick and when he could no longer read he would ask some one to read to him. He said just before he passed away that he was going to a place where there would be no pain nor scars.

He will walk no more with us on earth. God has called him to a better place where trouble and sorrows never come.

Written by the family.

RASH

Linda Dian Rash, daughter of Charlie and Marie Rash, was born October 8, 1954, and departed this life October 30, 1957, making her stay on earth three years, 22 days. She leaves to mourn their loss, father, mother, six brothers and three sisters, all of Todd, N. C. Weep not Father, Mother, and relatives but

let us say sleep on little dian until the resurrection when Christ will say "Suffer Little Children to come unto Me," and forbid them not for such is the kingdom of Heaven. Let us all be prepared to meet little Dian in Heaven.

Thou are gone our precious darling
Never more can thou return
Thou shalt sleep a peaceful slumber
Until the resurrection morning.
Written by Mother and Sister.

RIDDLE

Victoria Miller Riddle was born March 9, 1880, and departed this life August 10, 1958, being 78 years, 5 months and one day old. She was married to William Riddle in November, 1929. Hhe preceded her in death June 9, 1952. For the past 40 years she has been a member of the Pine Grove Baptist church. She leaves to mourn her loss, one brother, Scott Miller and three sisters, Susan Pennington, Elizabeth Landreth, and Mary Elliott, and a host of relatives and friends. Her life with her family, her church and to community has been a model for us all and we have benefited from being associated with her.

ROARK

Wilson Melvin Roark, son of Jesse and Della Roark was born January 11, 1910, departed this life September 17, 1957, making his stay on earth 47 years, 8 months, and 6 days. Surviving are his wife, Betty Jean, and two children, Charlotte and Diane. He leaves three brothers, Ray, Fred and Vernie, and one sisiter, Mrs. Hazel Lewis, and his father and mother. One brother preceded him in death. He was a good husband, father, and neighbor and was loved by all who knew him.

RASH

Ronnie Eugene Rash, the son of Ronda and Bettie Sue Rash, was born August 15, 1958, and departed this life August 20, 1958, making his stay on earth five days. He leaves to mourn his loss father, mother and one sisiter and a host of relatives and friends. Weep not father and mother for the little babe has gone to forever to be at rest with Jesus.

It was a beautiful little flower that buded on earth to bloom out in Heaven. Jesus said "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

RICHARDSON

Elder James Earl Richardson, son of W. M. and Maggie Richardson, was born June 13, 1910, departed this life June 2, 1958, making his stay on earth 47 years, 11 months, and 20 days. He was married to Julia Powers who preceded him in death. To this union was born one daughter, Helen. He was maried to Mae Shepherd January 25, 1936, and to this union was born four children. He professed a hope in Christ about 19 years ago and united with Silas Creek Baptist church where he remained a faithful member until God called him home. He

felt the divine call of God to preach the gospel and licensed in the year 1940. He was ordained April 26, 1940. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife and children, Helen Blevins, Joe, James, Johnny and Clairssie all of Lansing, also one grandchiid also his father and brothers, Jones, Frank. Howard and Albert, and his sisters, Gladys Thompson, Bell Shepherd, Lou Ham, Julia Fae, Mrs. Beulah Powers, all of Lansing, N. C. and Mrs. Florence Young of Rugby, Va. His mother preceded him in death. He also leaves a large number of relatives and friends. He had been afflicted two years but he bore his afflictions with much patience. He attended his church and other churches just as long as he was able. His great desire was to see sinners come to the Lord and to see the churches in peace and love. All was done for him that his wife and children, friends and relatives could do but God in his great wisdom saw fit to call him home from a world of trouble to a home not made with hands eternal in the Heavens Weep not children but prepare to meet father in a better world.

Servant of God well done, they Glorious warfare's past, the battle fought, the race is won and thou art crowned at last. The pains of death are past, labor and sorrow ceased and life's long warfare closed at last. They soul is found in peace.

SHEPHERD

Darrel Glen Shepherd of Falls Church, Va., departed this life December 7, 1956. He was born March 29, 1925, at Jenkins Jones, W. Va., making his stay on earth 31 years, 8 months, and 21 days.

He was united in marriage to Eva Ham, May 24, 1947. To this union was born four children, Gail, Geneda, Glen and Mary Jane. Also surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Shepherd of Lansing, N. C., and two sisters and three brothers, Mrs. Pearl Weaver, Mrs. Virginia Hart, and Ray Shepherd, Billy Shepherd, J. D. Shepherd and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

Darrel's parting words were to his sister, he said he was ready to die and to tell father and mother to meet him in heaven. Just in his last moments he sang "Jesus Loves Me," and "Lord, I'm Coming Home."

God saw the road was getting rough,
The hills hard to climb. He gently closed his loving eyes.
God whispered, "Peace be thine."
His weary hours, His days of pain, his weary nights are passed,
His ever patient worn out frame has found rest at last.
Written by Mother and family.

SHEPHERD

Gideon Martin Shepherd, the son of Calvin and Anna Shepherd was born April 17, 1882, and departed this life July 29, 1958, making his stay on earth 76 years, 3 months and 11 days. He was first married to Rosy Greer February 28, 1902. She preceded him in death. Unto this union was born one son, Joseph Earl. After her death he was married to Rosa Jane Osborne December 13, 1913. She also preceded him in death and unto this union was born eight children, Carl, Elmer, Ray, Dale, Calvin, Mrs. Earl Richardson, Mrs. Frank Richardson, Mrs. Worth Hoosier. He leaves children and three brothers, D. L. Shepherd, R. E. Shepherd, A. M. Shepherd and one sister, Bertha Hartsoe, also 23 grand children and three great grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

He professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Mt. Zion Baptist church. He was called to the ministry and was ordained to preach the Gospel March 10, 1934, and later moved his membership to Pleasant Chapel Baptist church of which he remained until death. He was pastor of many churches in his time and walked most of all he went. We feel he did a great work for the Lord but he has been called away to receive his reward, a home in Heaven.

Written by the family.

WILCOX

Okla Marie Wilcox was born July 22, 1916, died December 26, 1957, making her stay on earth 41 years, 5 months and four days. She professed a faith in Christ in early life and joined Missionary church and later moved her membership to New Bethel Baptist church. She was a devoted member till death. She was married in early life to Clarence Wilcox on February 29, 1936. Unto this union was born six children, four girls, and two boys.

She leaves behind to mourn her loss husband and children, Edward, Janice, Alma, Jean, Joyce Ann, Darrel Wayne and one daughter preceeded her in death, an infant.

A dear mother from us is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home which can never be filled.
Thou art gone our precious mother,
Never more will we see your face until we meet you you over the river,
In that happy dwelling place.

Written by the family.